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H. C. Hickok
Acting

C. June 5

Sir;

In compliance with your request of the 5th inst. I have the honor to herewith return your letter of the 4th inst. transmitting copy of a letter to you from the Superintendent of the New York Assay office proposing a modification of the charges for refining Silver. It is identical, address and all, with the one enclosed in your note of yesterday received this morning. The subject is under consideration and the opinion you desire, will be promptly submitted

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Theodore Sedgwick
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

6 June 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day

I am respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Florian Mendez
Superintendent

Hon. S. C. Duncan
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

6 June 5

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 1 edition "Table of Distances, governing the rates for payment of Transportation of letters dollars

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Robert Patterson
Superintendent

Hon. A. J. Dallas
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

C. June 5

Sir;

In reply to your communication of the 4th inst. in relation to dirty and tarnished fractional silver coin and the best mode of treating it so as to make it acceptable to the public, I beg to say that my own judgment is, when silver is returned to the Treasury in a very dirty and defaced condition that it should be recoined at the expence of the Government which could be done in the ordinary operations of the Mint without any serious loss. If however it is proposed to clean the coin the best place to perform this would be at this Mint.

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If they are only dirty as is usually the case a moderately strong solution of potash – (the Caustic or Concentrated lye is to be preferred) – will make a very good cleaning agent. If the solution is hot it will act more quickly. The coin should then be washed in water and dried in a cloth or sawdust. The whole process can be easily accomplished here, as we have a convenient vessel for that purpose. If the coin is tarnished or blackened (sulphuret) a solution of cyanide of potassium, 6 or 8 ounces to a gallon of water, heated will quickly remove the dirt, and sulphuret.

In both cases the coin should be agitated so as to expose both surfaces to the action of the alkali. In using the cyanide care must be taken as it is a poisonous substance.

The only difficulty about washed or cleansed coin by this process, is that it gives it the appearance of having been tampered with and might lead to the supposition that it is spurious coin. Nevertheless it would very much add to their appearance to put them through this process.

I shall be glad to cooperate with you in any procedure that will improve

the Contents of our subsidiary silver Coins &
make them more popular as a cir-
culating medium

I have the honor to remain

Respectfully yours

Lyman Trumbull

Superintendent

Hon. T. N. Jordan

Treasurer, United States,

Washington

D.C.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

June 8th 1885.

Sir.

I herewith enclose a copy of a letter, under date of April 9, 1885, from the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office to the Director of the Mint, recommending certain reductions in the charges for parting, and refining Gold and Silver.

I have to request that you will please examine the proposed reductions, and report at your early convenience, whether in your opinion, having due regard to the interests of the Government, it is advisable or proper that they should be made.

Very respectfully

Linnard Snowden

Superintendent

Jas. C. Booth, Esq.

Melter & Refiner.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

6th Mo. 8th 1885

Statement of Gold & Bullion transmitted by the Treasurer of the Mint [illegible] Henry Linnie

per letter of instruct.

dated 3 Mo. 3rd 1885

Proof Weight		111.577.97
Coin Weight		100.389.04
Wear @ 1.375		107.978.45

Treasurer

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Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Comic monthly report of gold & silver workings at this Mint during April and May

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Asst. A. L. Barbour
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

St. Louis 5

Sir:

Remittance of Gold Bullion No. 54, has been received by Adams Express, as per letter of advice and schedule endorsed of the 5th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Elliot L. Jewett Esqr.
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
St. Louis
Mo.

Phila. June 5

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a bound Copy of "Instructions to Custodians of Public Buildings under the Control of the Treasury Department, March 30. 1865"

Very respectfully

Superintendent

To the Supervising Architect
Treasury Department
Washington
D.C.

5 June 5

Sir;

Remittance No 16, of Gold Bullion has been received by Express as per letter of advice and memo: enclosed of the 4th Inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay office
Charlotte
N.C

8 June 5

Sir

The nugget forwarded through your office from Dr Rudolph Voegt of the National Home, Milwaukee, Wis., on examination proves to be nothing but brass.

I have returned the same to him, with the information as to its character

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon. M. E. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

June 9th 1885

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Superintendent.

Hon. DANIEL N. LAMONT,
Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.

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June 10.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose memorandums Nos. 922 and 924 of Gold Bullion, for remittances received from the United States Assay offices at Carson, Dalles, and St. Louis, respectfully, to be transferred to the Bullion fund of this Mint.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

10: June 5

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: No. 926 — in duplicate — of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 2[illegible] received from your office, per [illegible] letter of advice and memo: of the 8th inst.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Dist. C. Jewett Esq
Assayer in Chg. U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis
Mo.

June 12th 65

Sir.

In reply to your communication, enclosing, letter of the Supt. of the N.Y. Assay Office, in relation to changes in parting, and refining Gold and Silver, I beg to enclose a letter from the Melter and Refiner of this Mint on the subject, and also to say, that while the methods of Refining — at this Mint and the Assay Office — are in many respects dissimilar, the importance of harmonizing the charges, is so manifest that I am clearly of opinion that the schedule named by Mr. Mason should also apply to this Mint.

I herewith return Letter of Mr. Mason.

I am respectfully

Your obt. servt.

Superintendent.

Hon A. E. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

June 8th 85

Sir.

Your favor of this date is just received, enclosing a copy of a letter, dated April 9th 1885, from the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, to the Director of the Mint, recommending certain reductions in the charges for parting, and refining Gold and Silver, and asking me to examine and report upon the advisability of the proposed reductions.

I have examined them, and respectfully report as follows:-

The methods of Refining in the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, and in the Assay Office at New York, are so different from each other that it is impracticable for me to

express a decided and reliable opinion, espe-
cially, as some of the proposed divisions are
resultant from the sulphuric process, which the
Assay Office employs, and which we do not. I
may however be permitted to remark, that too
great refinement in establishing rates for subdi-
visions of allowed fineness, is objectionable in busi-
ness relations between the Mint and the public.
Otherwise I perceive no objection to the proposed table
of charges, which in my opinion do not contravene
the interests of the Government.

Very respectfully,
James C. Booth
M. & R.

Hon A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

10: June 1895

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: No: 922 — in duplicate — of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 16, received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 4th inst.

Very respectfully

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.
Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

June 10th 1885

Sir,

I have the honor to forward
duplicate bankers registered mail, Dy
Ordinary, Gold Bullion Melting
Stamp Account for the month of
May 1885.

I am

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Chas

Hon. H. B. Rowland
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 10th 1895

Sir

In compliance with your request I send by Adams Express 2 gold and 1 Silver Life Saving Medals and enclose herewith duplicate receipted bills for the Medals and Express charges amounting to $93.50.

I also enclose duplicate Vouchers which please sign and return to this office.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
Jas. H. Saunders
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

June 10th, 1880

Sir

In your letter of the 9th inst ordering "Army Marksmanship Medals" you request that the bronze cases made for the bronze Medals.

I would respectfully ask whether the gold and Silver Medals are to have cases and to be Mounted as usual.

Very respectfully
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

June 11th, 1885.

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst enclosing Draft No 252874 for $48.85 in payment of bill for one Gold and one Silver Life Saving Medal and Express charges on package forwarded from this Office on 2d inst, has been received.

Very respectfully

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

S. I. Kimball Esq

Gen'l Supt. U. S. Life Saving Service

Treasury Department

Washington

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May 29th

Respectfully
Supt.

6 Bills. 10 Ds 5

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A London Lawyer

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11 : June 5

Sir;

In replying with the request contained in your letter of the 9th inst; I enclose herewith a photograph of the revolving riddle in which we dry and clean coin. There is a shut off between the solid and the wire end. Within the solid end bass wood saw dust is placed with the planchets or coin and the riddle is permitted to revolve for a few minutes until all dampness is taken up by the saw dust. The saw dust and the blanks or coin are then allowed to pass to the wire end when the saw dust falls out and the coin or blanks are permitted to revolve

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until the friction to some extent brightens the same.

The riddle is run by steam and I fear is too cumbersome to be Conveniently used in the different Sub-Treasuries

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
S. Loudon Thurber
Superintendent

Hon: R. J. Jordan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

June 12th 1885

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 25th of May, I send by Adams Express, 50 Gold and 50 Silver Dept of State Life Saving Medals, Mounted and Cases for the Same, and enclose herewith duplicate receipted bills for the Medal Cases and Mounting, amounting to $11.18, 25.

I also enclose duplicate Vouchers for the above which please sign and return to this office.

Very respectfully

Theodore Mordecai
Superintendent

Sevellon A. Brown Esq
Chief Clerk Dept of State
Washington
D. C

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

June 12th 1885

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 11th inst, I send by Adams Express, C.O.D,

3 gold proof sets of 1885 @ 41.50	124.50
5 Silver " " @ 1.94	9.70
50 Three dollar gold pieces	150.00
50 Quarter Eagles (2.50)	125.00
100 gold dollars	100.00
	$509.20

Yours respectfully
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon Thos C. Acton
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

6th Mo. 12th 1885

Sir: I have received the Ten Coins purchased by the

Finch Nat. Bank

New York

per letter of request,

dated 3d inst 1885

Proof Weight ozs. 50.076. 47/100

Mint Weight ozs. 50.003. 95/100

@ Value £1.075 per oz. fine, $ 53.754. 25/100

Respectfully

Superintendent

6th Mo. 12th 5

4800 Fourth Nat'l Bank Phila. 10.647 42

A. London Chandler

13. June 5

Sir;

On and after the 16th inst.
the price to be paid for silver contained in gold deposits will be ninety six cents per standard ounce

Very respectfully
H. C. Hinsdale
Dep Clk

A. B. Jones Esq
Assistant Treas

13: June 5

Sir;

I have the honor to direct your attention to a fact of some importance in the Conduct of the business of this Mint.

I refer to the size of the bars sold to the Government and sent to this Mint by the Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co:. These bars are handled with the greatest difficulty. After rounding the Corners at Considerable labor they are placed in the crucibles with great difficulty, frequently bursting the sides of the same in forcing them in. The largest crucibles used here only permit the melting of bars of 8 3/4 inches diagonal, and no bars of greater thickness should be

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

received. The Kansas bars measure 9½ inches. If we were to adopt larger crucibles to melt these bars safely it would involve enlarging our furnaces and all the parts connected therewith, and I therefore respectfully suggest that you write to that Company to reduce the size of their bars, as it occasions a serious loss and inconvenience to receive them at their present size

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. N. C. Dunham
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 18th 1865

My dear Preston

In compliance with your request and in return for the $20.00 draft enclosed, I send by Adams Express, one five dollar piece, one three dollar piece and twelve gold dollars all of the coinage of 1865,

Very truly yours
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Office Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

States at Philadelphia, Pa.,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

June 15th 85

Sir

Your letter of the 13th inst, enclosing Draft No 252907 for $93.50 in payment of bill for two gold and one Silver Life Saving Medals and Expense charges, forwarded from this office on the 10th inst, has been received.

Very respectfully
Sumner Kimball
Superintendent

S. I. Kimball Esq
Genl Supt U. S. Life Saving Service
Treasury Department
Washington
D. C

No. 226

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia

May 30th 1885

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H. S. Cochran

Assay. Mint.

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15. June 5

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you, that on the recommendation of the Engraver herein endorsed, I have transferred George L. Beatty, Laborer in the General Department to the position of Assistant in the hardening and annealing room in the Engravers Department at a compensation of $3.00 per diem, to take effect on confirmation and respectfully submit the same for approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Lyman Mowbray
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Rumsey
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

16: June 5

Sir;

In the amount Silver Coins received from your office, upon Transfer Order No. 12.683, were two Counterfeit half dollars, which I herewith return to you.

There were also in your shipment on that order $27 in mutilated 3¢ and 5¢ nickel coins. The Mint is not a Redemption Agency, but as an accommodation the Asst. Treas: United States in this City redeemed them in Silver coin and I send you the amount herewith by Registered mail.

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of this letter and its Contents.

Very respectfully

H C Kimball

Superintendent

Asst. Treas.' U. S.

New Orleans

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June 16th 5

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H C Hanscom
Asst

June 17th 5

Sir.

I submit herewith the following bids received for Ninety (90) Barrels M & R. Sweeps, viz:

M. Hollstein & Bein	=	$2534.25
A. N. Spear & Son	=	2482. —
E. Balbach & Son.	=	2457. 79
C. S. Dennis.	=	2000. —
C. S. Croselmire.	=	1866. —

The offer of M. Hollstein & Bein being the highest. I respectfully recommend its acceptance. Please return the bids as early as possible, with your action thereon.

Very Respectfully

A. Loudan Snowden
Superintendent.

Hon. A. B. Burchard.
Director of the Mint:
Washington DC.

P.S. Do expedite returns for this sweep, please telegraph me in the morning as to approval.

17 June 1850

Sir

The name of Alexis Swan the Son - an Assistant in the General Department of the Mint - has been dropped from the rolls to take effect on the 1st inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Robert Patterson
Superintendent

Hon: N. C. Dunham
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

17: June 5

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of section 3534 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Board herein endorsed, I have appointed Miss Margaret Sergeson, an Adjuster in this Mint at a Compensation of $1 2/- per diem — vice Miss Caroline Bestass dropped from the rolls — to take effect on Confirmation.

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Preston Brooke

Superintendent

Hon. H. Rauchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

17: June 5

Dear Sir;

Will you be kind enough to let me know what amount of gold bullion, as well as its character - was sent to your office by Paul Romare Cashier of of the Atlantic National Bank of Atlanta Georgia from 1884 to date, with duplicate of the Certificates issued. The Gold he deposited is said to be from the "Franklin & McDonald" gold mine, located in Cherokee County, Georgia.

By doing this at once you will oblige me very much

I am very truly yours

London Ferrell

Calvin J. Boulay Esq
Assistant in Charge U.S. Assay Office

17: June 1855

Sir;

The rate for computing the value of silver deposited for payment in bars will continue as heretofore at $1.00 per standard ounce, but on and after the 1st prox: the charges upon such deposits will be deducted from the value of the gold contained, as far as such value may be sufficient to pay the charges

Respectfully

Your obt Servt

London Pomeroy

Superintendent

A. Dallas, Esq
Assistant Clerk

18: June 5

Sir:

The Register of Deposits reports that his volume of Forms 188 a is almost full, and that he is anxiously waiting for the new volume ordered some time ago and which must be commenced of July 1 prox: Please hasten its Completion?

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon A. L. Dunham
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

16. June 5

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

Colgate & Co. are delivering silver medals of sixty thousand claimed to be sold yesterday. Your letter does not report such sale. What action shall I take? Answer.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Dunham
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

18 June 5

Sir,

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official.

Please have my New York balance increased to meet checks for yesterday's purchases

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Acting Superintendent

Hon: H. C. Burdett
Treasy of the United States
Washington
D.C.

June 19th 5

Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst, enclosing check for $1413.25 in payment of bill for 50 gold and 50 Silver Life Saving Medals, Mounting the Same, 100 Cases and Express charges on Package, has been received.

Very respectfully
Leonard Swords
Superintendent

T. J. Rieckhoff
Disbursing Clerk Dept. State
Washington
D. C

June 19th 5

Sir.

I have the honor to send by to days Express the first Medal struck from the presidential Dies.

Trusting that it may meet your approval.

I remain respectfully yours

Reuben Haines

Superintendent

To

The President.

19 June 5

Sir;

I have the honor to state that the arrival of over eighty five thousand ounces of silver, in Spanish and South American coins from New York parties on account of the last sales to the Department, greatly embarrasses me, because of the want of storage room, for the safe keeping of precious metal in that portable shape. If Coins in that amount are hereafter to be purchased as bullion, I must strenuously urge that they be melted in New York and shipped to the Mint in the shape of bars.

I am in sufficient peril now

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from the unwelcome custody of these coins in mass, without means & facilities for them, and earnestly request that there be no further increase of my responsibility in this direction.

Believing that you will appreciate the delicacy of the situation, as thus reported to you

I am Sir, very respectfully
your obedient Servant
Landon Norris
Superintendent

Hon. A. B. Dallas
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

6th Mo. 19th 5

4802 J. Bolgate & Co 27.058.68
4803 J. Bolgate & Son 2.319.42

Yours truly
London Bundles
Superintendent

Mr. H. C. Purcell
Treasury Dept
Washington
D.C.

June 20th 5

Sir

I beg to enclose herewith bids received to day for Sixteen (16) Barrels Superintendents Sweeps, as follows.

E. Balbach & Son	$931.37
M. Wolkstein & Bro	892.36
Howard & Möhle	891. "
A. M. Shear & Son	876. "
C. F. Crooelmire	806. "

The offer of E. Balbach & Son being the highest, I respectfully recommend its acceptance.

Please return the bids with your action upon them, advising me by telegram thereof, for the purpose of obtaining timely returns

Very Respectfully

Your Humble Servant

Superintendent.

Hon. H. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington DC

20: June 5

Sir;

I have the honor to inclose ~~memos.~~ No. 982 @ 988, of Gold Bullion for remittances received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedt. Servt
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

20 June 5

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memos: Nos: 983 @ 988, – in duplicate – of Gold Bullion being for remittances Nos 5 @ 17, received from your office, as per letters of advice and memorandums dated respectively 13th @ 16th inst.

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

Superintendent

Calvin J Cowles Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

20: June 5

Sir;

Transfer Order June 18: No 12694 for $39.461 drawn on the Helena Assay Office, you will observe was intended for the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York. I therefore return it to you, together with your letter to me of the 19th inst. enclosing it,

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Heaton Hunter
Superintendent

Hon: R. J. Jordan
Treasurer United States
Washington
D.C.

19 June 5

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

Transfer letter June 2. 35367 $ 500. to C.M. Willard, Aurora, Ill. shipmade, but agent Adams Express Co: telegraphs, "no such party at Aurora". What is to be done. On June 3. we shipped on Transfer letter 35382 $ 500 to C.M. Willard, Anna. Ill.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

H. Loraine Chambers
Superintendent

Hon. C. N. Jordan
Treasurer, United States
Washington
D.C.

6th Mo. 20th 5

4804	J. B. Colgate & Co	27.084.91
4805	Fisher Clark & Barclay	40.000.–
1806	Zimmermann & Forshay	9.000.–

22: June 5

Dear Sir,

In taking my leave of the Mint I desire especially to commend you for the fidelity with which you have discharged the responsible position of Store Keeper during the time I have been superintendent.

When I returned to the Mint I found this one of the loose wheels of the Institution. The supplies were purchased and [of late] wasted and in some instances articles of small value taken away. Under your close supervision all the supplies have been faithfully guarded and distributed to the

different Departments as they were needed under a well-arranged and economic system.

Trusting that your service may be appreciated by my successor I remain

Respectfully yours

Landon Ward

Superintendent

Mr William J. McComas

Store Keeper

22: June 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit statement of Silver melting at this Mint during the month of May

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Acting Superintendent

Hon. A. J. Dunbar
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

22: June 5

Sir

In Compliance with your direction I enclose $/D of this date in duplicate 6291 from the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. for $38 ct the proceeds of the sweep bar specified in your letter of the 13 inst.

I also enclose means of the same No 782 in duplicate as per your request the C/D's are not issued in triplicate

Very respectfully

W C Hasker

Calvin J. Cowles Esq Assistant Superintendent
Mint Dayton in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

22: June 5

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Miss Margaret Sergison recently appointed Assistant in the Coiner department of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
H. Eckfeldt
Acting Superintendent

Hon. A. D. Bache
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 22nd 5

Sir

I enclose herewith statement of uncurrent Silver Coin received from the Several Treasuries of the United States showing Tale value, net value, and loss on same by Express

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servants
H C Hasbrouck
Acting Superintendent

Hon Horatio C Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Statement

From whom	No. Order	Sale Value	Mint value	Loss
U.S. Asst Treas at Baltimore	12,677	$ 1097.80	$ 1021.97	$ 75.83
U.S Asst Treas at New York	12678	7000.00	6579.46	420.54
U.S Asst Treas at Philada	12679	13426.00	12658.66	767.34
U.S. Asst Treas at Boston	12680	35100.00	33.580.72	1519 28
U.S Asst Treas at Cincinnati	12681	1038 00	972 89	65.11
U.S Asst Treas at St Louis	12682	1060.00	1002 07	57 93
U.S Asst Treas at New Orleans	12683	147 16	141.08	6.08
U.S Asst Treas at Washington D.C	12689	324291	3047.02	195.89
		$ 62.111.87	59.003.87	3108.00

June 22nd 85

Sir

The Regulations and Instructions page 15. Sec 1. requires that you shall furnish me with information as to whether you have any wastage in your Refining operations for the current fiscal year in order that the Appropriation for Parting and Refining ullion may be charged and pay for any such loss.

As soon as you have the information at hand, I will thank you for a report, in order that I may promptly comply with the Instructions, and pass the amount through the Appropriation and Coinage account before June 30 1885.

Very Respectfully
H C Hinsdale
Acting Supt

James C Booth, Esq
Melt R

23: June 5

Sir

James Rose appointed a laborer in the General Department, having failed to report for duty his name will be dropped from the rolls on and after the 1st inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. H. L. Dimond
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

23: June 5

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that under section 3504 Revised Statutes I have appointed Edward K. Clift a resident of this State, Machinist in the Coined Department of this Mint — vice Frank M. Clements, deceased, — at a compensation of $3.25 per diem, to date from confirmation; and respectfully submits the same for your approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon: A. J. Bouchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

23: June 5

Sir;

~~The names~~ of James Murphy laborer in the General Department, and John A. Grier Assistant Engineer in the same Department, having been removed ~~his~~ their name will be dropped from the rolls to take effect on the 30th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Landon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

June 23rd 5m

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official.

"Do you design sending persons to assist in making settlement, If so when may we expect them. anxious to commence. answer.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
A London Snowden
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

June 23rd. 5

Sir.

The importance of devising some preventative against the counterfeiting and filling of our precious metal coins, has long engaged the attention of those interested in the coinage. The Hon. Jas. Ross Snowden, late Director of the Mint, in his annual Report for the year ending June 30. 1864, alluding to this subject, says:—

"Within the last year fraudulent practices "upon our gold coin have greatly increased. The "Mint is giving the most earnest attention to devising "the best remedies against these practices; and the "same subject is undergoing a careful investigation "by scientific men not connected with the Mint, "under an appropriation made by Congress."

The appropriation to which the Director referred, was made in the year 1857 to enable Dr. Barclay to experiment as to the practicability of a theory he had advanced on this subject. His experiments were conducted in the basement of the Mint building, during the fall and winter of 1857-8. His theory was to concave the obverse and reverse, so that whilst the outer edge would be the usual thickness of our coins, the centre would be very thin. To give the legal weight, an increase in the diameter was proposed. Dr. Barclays theory was that the thin interior would prevent the splitting, and filling of the coin, and also serve as a preventative against counterfeiting, by making it difficult to mould the coin, or strike the same from counterfeit dies.

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I was much interested in the experiments, and was much with Dr. Barclay during his work here. I soon became satisfied that the theory was not sound, and that the experiments would lead to no valuable practical results; first, because the outer edge of the coin would be of sufficient thickness to allow the removal of a considerable quantity of gold or silver; and second, because the very form of the coin destroyed sonority, which is now one of the most valuable tests of a genuine coin. As a preventative against counterfeiting it was equally valueless, as a casting could be taken from a concave coin as easily as from one with uniform surface.

The experiments of Dr. Barclay were only valuable as directing attention to the subject,

and also in establishing the fact, that no change in the surface is any protection against counterfeiting, or filling a coin.

In 1867-8 the importance of protecting our coinage against fraudulent practice was referred to me, as Chief Coiner of this Mint, by the then Director, Dr. A. R. Linderman, for experiment and report. After a very full consideration of the subject, with many practical tests, I arrived at the conclusion that the only practical preventative against many of the fraudulent practices, especially that of filling coin with base metal, was by substituting raised letters in the place of reeding, (popularly misnamed milling) upon the periphery of the coins. The use of letters in the manner indicated, is of very ancient origin. The raised letters

were so employed in England from the Oliver crown-
rose crowns and half crowns of 1658 to George IV.
In France from 1690 and in Austria in 1780. The
sunken Letters in France between 1790-95, and in
our own country,—doubtless taken from the French—
upon some of our coins from 1793 until 1836. It
will thus be seen that the use of raised letters on
the edge or periphery of coins, is not only of a remote
origin, but were in general use among intelligent
nations at an early period. The object was un-
doubtedly to render the work of counterfeiting and
filing coins difficult.

The abandonment of this admirable
device and protection to coinage, was undoubtedly
caused by the difficulty encountered in its adaptation
to the steam coining press of modern times. The

sunken letter employed on our early coinage is but little if any protection against counterfeiting or filing, and is not difficult of application even to the steam coining press. It is ineffectual as a protection against counterfeiting, from the fact, that in moulding, which is the usual mode of counterfeiting, the sunken letters on the edge would be filled up in the coin forming the mould, and after casting the counterfeit coins could be easily lettered, either by the use of letter punches, or a very easily constructed milling machine. When the coin is struck from a counterfeit die, the sunken letters would be raised into the plain wire or Rank, and the coin would be what we call an open smooth collar, as was done in the early work of this mint. As a protection against filing it is equally ineffectual, from the

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fact that the usual mode of filling is by sawing the coin in two or partially through, and substituting base for the precious metal abstracted. The edges of our coins thus tampered with at present, are expeditiously reeded, by a revolving cylinder with nicks or cogs corresponding with the present reeding. The sunken letters could be as easily replaced, after filling, by the process before described, in moulded and struck counterfeit coin.

My observation and experiments, lead me to the conclusion, that the use of the raised letter were the only device that could prevent a serious embarrassement to the counterfeiting and filing of coin. First, as to filling. This would be rendered difficult, if not impossible, for the reason that the edge having been destroyed, could not be restored.

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Sunken letters could be replaced, but raised letters once removed could never be restored without leaving the evidence of that fact plainly marked upon the coins. As a protection against counterfeiting, it will, I think prove equally efficacious. By the mould process, the counterfeit coin would not come out of the mould, unless the letters on the edge of the coin forming the mould, had been removed before its use. And in this event the raised letters would have to be placed on the edge after the coin was moulded. This would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, without leaving such evidence as would indicate clarly the fraudulent character of the coin.

The difficulty attending the counterfeiting of coins with raised letters on the edge, where dies are used, are almost insurmountable. In the first

place, a segment collar would have to be used, and as a fac simile of the letter could not be obtained, as can be had from the face of the coin, it would likely vary from the genuine. Besides the difficulty in the manufacture and use of a lettered segment collar are very great. The use of such a collar, even if accurately made, would render the work of counterfeiters very slow. In fine, there are so many difficulties in the way of its application, as to make the adoption of raised letters on the edge of our coin by the Government, a very great preventative and protection against counterfeiting, whilst it is in my judgment an almost <u>certain</u> protection against the filling process. I reached this conclusion, and so reported to the Director of the Mint, in 1867, but at that time I found it impossible to accomplish the de-

ered result, with our present steam power toggle joint press. This practical difficulty ended for the time being any further steps towards the adoption of this device, as it was concluded at the time that it could only be done by the substituting of new coining presses at an enormous cost to the Government. And so the matter rested, until within the last six months, when my attention was directed to the arrest of two counterfeiters, with coin in their possession, struck from dies prepared by a process, which if intelligently followed, would practically place the coinage of our country at the mercy of those possessing the secret.

I had my attention directed to this process over fifteen years since, but hoped that it would not become known to those who would

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fraudulently make use of it. Hitherto, the detection of coins struck from counterfeit dies, was largely dependent upon some variation in lettering or device from the genuine. Under the process to which I have referred, this will be of no avail, as I can reproduce the coinage of any country, when a reeded or sunken letter is on the edge, in such absolute conformity, to the original, that the coiner who produced the original cannot detect the counterfeit. I have hinted at the process in conversation with you, but have not, and will not now, submit it in writing, to the Department, for fear it might inadvertently, or otherwise, become known to those who would make unlawful use of the information. By this process, as you and the Secretary of the Treasury

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compared, in all respects, to the genuine coins; so much so, that an expert, long connected with the Mint, pronounced them from genuine dies.

The discovery of the counterfeits to which I have referred, which had evidently been produced by the process to which I refer, again directed my attention to the importance of having the raised letters placed on the edge of our coins, if it could be done with our present presses. The difficulties in the way will be readily understood by any one familiar with the mechanical construction and movements of our toggle joint press. To produce the desired result in a screw press, worked slowly by hand, was not difficult, but to make an attachment to the press at present in use, by which a segment collar would open to receive the blank,

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close when the pressure was applied, and open at the instant the lower die lifted the coal out of the collar, was a task that some of the most skilled mechanics said was impossible.

Nevertheless, I entered again into the matter with all the energy I possessed, and for months have given it my almost exclusive attention. As might be expected, several attempts failed, but at length, having hit upon a principle, which I believed to be sound, it was vigorously followed; and although there were many difficulties to overcome, and many partial failures to dishearten, I felt satisfied that in the end, we would accomplish the desired result, which we did on Friday the 13th of June.

No event for many years has given me so much gratification: first, because it is in the line

of my life work, is a mechanical triumph over obstacles supposed to be insurmountable, and especially because I think it will prove of the greatest possible protection to the coinage of the country. The mechanical attachment to the press, by which the letters are placed upon the edge of the coin, briefly stated, are as follows: The collar used is in three segments, with the letters, ("E. Pluribus Unum") sunk on the inner circle. This collar is enclosed in a steel ring, fitted to the brass table of the coining press. The segments are held in place by springs underneath, which by the movement of the ring, opens the collar. Through the brass table, a rod connected on each side, is moved backward and forward by cams, which are worked from the main shaft of the press, closing and opening the segment collar. The ring, through which the

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collar is opened and closed, has on its inside circumference, three circular ridges, to which the outside of the segments are fitted. The partial revolution of the ring, acting, on the line of the ridges, forces the segments towards their common centre, thereby closing the collar. The movement in opening and closing the segments, must be in exact harmony with the complex movement of the press, by which the planchets or blanks are carried forward from the tubes by the feeders, dropped on the dies, stamped, thrown up by the lower die, and carried off by the feeders, in placing the succeeding blank in the collar, at a speed of from 80 to 110 per minute.

The practical difficulties to be surmounted in accomplishing the desired results can only be understood, as before stated, by those who know the

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construction of our coining presses, and the attachment which I have briefly described, and which I am satisfied will accomplish the purpose intended.

In addition to the protection it affords, the device will add very much to the beauty of our coins, — As a mechanical appliance, is very accurate in its work, the letters can be placed even on so small and thin a coin as the gold dollar. The cost of making the attachment to the coining presses of the different Mints, will be insignificant — say not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars each.

As I am about retiring from the Mint after a service over more than a quarter of a century, I must leave to my successor and to you the labor of obtaining such legislation from Congress as will authorize the placing of raised letters upon our

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precious metal coins, by which they will be to a great extent protected from counterfeiting, and other fraudulent practices.

In conclusion, I beg to make special mention of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Charles E. Barber, Engraver, and his Assistants, Mr. Wm H. Key, and George B. Goley, in producing the desired results. I enclose herewith a specimen of the coin in copper, for yourself.

I have the honor to remain

Your Obedient Servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

June 23d 1885.

1,055,642.58
101,300.00 Eagles
557.60 Halves

327,741.50
14,158.70

Respectfully,

A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. ROBERT G. RUTHERFORD,
Chief of the Bureau of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

6 Bars No. 24 Lbs 5

Bodmer Coll. Smelting Co.

13 Smelt 5

Troy Weight. 91.273.

Fine Weight. 91.170.46

Value @ $1.0725 per oz. fine 97.780.32

Lucian Lowdon
Superintendent.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

6th Mo. 24th 1885

Silver coin of Silver Bullion purchased by the

Treasurer of the Mint for the Fourth Nat. Bank

New York

per letter of advice,

dated 17th inst 1885

Assay Weight ozs. 55.323.1

Fine Weight ozs. 49.657.21

Value @ $1.07, per oz. fine, $ 53.133.21

(Gold deposited $36.37)

Louden Snowden

Treasurer

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

6th Mo. 24th 1885

4807	J. Walker Son,	3.525.44
4808	Fourth Nat'l Bank N.A.	31.538.22
4809	Zimmerman & Son Shay.	11.479.55

A. Loudon Snowden

24: June 5

Sir;

Enclosed please find C/D. April 18: 1885, No: 6205, in my favor from the Assistant Treasurers U. S. in this City for $ 90.000 on account of Silver Coinage profits.

It had been inadvertently laid away in the Safe folded inside of duplicate, and was thus overlooked

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Benjamin Maurer
Superintendent

Hon: Chas E. Coon
Ass't. Sec: Treasury
Washington
D.C

24: June 5

Sir;

John Keenan, Helper in the Melter & Refiners Department, having resigned his name will be dropped from the Rolls on and after the 30th. inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. Gordon Worden
Superintendent

Hon: H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

25: June 5

Sir;

I have the hon to enclose the oath of office of Edward K. Clifs recently appointed Machinist in the General Department of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon: M. C. Dunbar
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

25. June 65

Sir;

Remittance No. 11 of Gold Bullion from your office has been received as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 13th. inst.

Very Respectfully

Lamon Hunsley

Superintendent

Spruille Braden Esq

Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office

Boise City

Idaho

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

6th Mo. 25th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint, from Boston Co. Smelting Co.

dated 17th inst. 1885

Troy Ounces Weight	oz	43926.—
Fine Weight	oz	43865.09
Value @ $1.0718		47.014.60

Assayer.

6th Mo. 25th 5

4810	Fourth Nat. Bank NY	9.296.62
4811	J. Walsh & Son	1.020.95
4812	Zimmermann & Fabbay	3.129.86
4813	Fourth Nat. Bank NY. for Pr. J. Warne Merrill Cred. Co	47.014.60

26th June 85

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, returning my statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the first quarter 1885, for correction of a supposed error of .01 in the amount stated as having been expended from the contingent appropriation for that quarter. On reexamination you will find that the amount of expenses as stated, is correct. The sum of $27.983[7] does not include the 4 cents allowed Col. O.C. Bosbyshell, late Coiner, as Gold wastage, on the settlement of his accounts on the 31st of January last; but in accordence with the form of the statement, appears on the line below

provided for such items, I respectfully return herewith the statement without alteration

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Superintendent

Hon H.C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

26: June 5

Sir;

You will please instruct the Night Watch not to disturb or displace the large balance standing in the basement partly in front of the Melters & Refiner's Laboratory.

The night-Watch will not enter the Laboratory until otherwise directed

Very respectfully

H C Hanks

Acting Supt

Capt. W.H. Banks
Night-Watch

27: June 5

Sir,

Herewith I enclose memo. No. 1025 in duplicate of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 11 received from your office as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 13th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Sprnille Braden Esq.
Assayer in Chg: Assay Office
Boise City
Idaho

26. June 5

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

Please send on Gold notes and I will meet your request of 23d inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon Thomas B. Acton
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York
N.Y.

27th June 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to forward D/D. of this date, No. 6294 in my favor from the Assistant Treasurer U. S. in this City, for the sum of $450.000 on account of profits on Silver Coinage

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon Daniel E. Manning
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C

June 27th 87

Sir

I herewith return the respective bills of the "Times" and "Democrat" for advertising for Proposals for Supplies for this Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30 1888 with the explanation, that through an inadvertence, as I discover, the authorized advertisements did not get to these papers in time to be inserted fifteen times C.O.D. and they thus fall short one time:

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon Daniel E Manning
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

27: June 5

Sir;

I have the hono to request that you will please have forwarded to this Mint a further supply of blank checks on the Cashier (Form No. 55) for partial payments on account of Compensation of officers and employées. We are entirely out of them

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Asst. Sec. Bernard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

26. June 5

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official

Is there any objection to my furnishing the Mexican Government with a Copy of my letter on the matter of substituting raised letters for reading on the Coinage of the United States

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

27: June 5

Sir;

You will admit into the Mint Building on Monday morning between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock Any person accompanying Mr Henry J Cochran Weigh Clerk: No person to be admitted except Mr Cochrane voucher for them

Very respectfully

Landon Ludlow

Superintendent

Capt W Banks
Night Watch

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

27: June 5

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 1025 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Boise City to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. London Snowden
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

25. June 5

Sir,

Your name having been dropped from the rolls, your services will not be required in this Mint on and after the 27th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Mr. James Murphy

6th No. 27th 5

4814	J. B. Holgate & Co	10834.45
4815	Smith Hat. Dewey	54318.32
4818	Clark, Dodge & Co	26.885.28

A. Lowell Superintendent

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

6th Mo. 27th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasury of the Mint from First Nat. Bank New York per letter of advice, dated 17th inst 1885

Assay Weight	ozs.	526/10 23
Fine Weight	ozs.	51.600 20
Value @ $1.07½ per oz. fine.	$	55.340.25

M Louden Snowden
Superintendent

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

6th Mo. 27th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from J. B. Colgate & Co per letter of advice, dated 18th inst 1885

Gross Weight,	oz.	67.362
Fine Weight,	oz.	60.585 59
Value @ $1.07 1/4 per oz. fine,	$	64.978. 04

A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

27. June 5

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 3709 and 3710 of Revised Statutes and also in compliance with the terms of the advertisements published in the daily papers of this City, bids for supplying this Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1868 were opened at 12 O'clock noon on the 27th day of June in the presence of all the executive officers and a large number of the bidders.

I herewith enclose duplicate of the same and submit it for your approval with the following explanations and comments.

A

Metals

Contracting Hardware, Coffins, Lead, Zinc, Brass, &c.

Two proposals were received: One from James & Watson and Son, and the other from Edward Mullins. Both were accompanied with the bonds required. The bid of James & Watson was for in the lowest on all the articles in competition, and as this firm has satisfactorily supplied the Alms under previous contracts, the award for the articles they bid for is made to them.

Ice

There were 3 bidders for ice. Thaden

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B. Rees, Son & Co., Knickerbocker Ice Co, and J. H. Baker, representing the Consumers Ice Co.

At the bid of the latter Company — $4.25 per ton — is the lowest, the contract will be awarded accordingly.

Oils & Lubricators

There were 3 bidders under this head, Harold E. Lewis & Co; Francis Conway's Sons & Stevenson Brother & Co.

A careful comparison will give the fact that Harold E. Lewis & Co get the contract for Tallow, Sperm Oil, Lard and Card oil: while Stevenson Bro. & Co are the lowest and best bidders for

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for Crescent Cylinder Oil.

The Contract will be awarded to these firms for the articles indicated.

Acids, Chemicals, &c

There are 6 bidders as follows:- Charles Canning & Co Limited, Savage & Morell, Harrison Bros & C, Harold R. Lewis & Co and John E. Bowers. The latter bid although the lowest is not accompanied with a bond, no can his name be found in the list of manufacturing Chemists in this City. He will therefore have to be dropped out of Consideration. The lowest bids for Nitric Acid, Nitrate of Soda, Aqua Fortis, and Refined

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Borax, is asked of Charles Lewis & Co. limited. The lowest bid for refined borax is that of Savage & Morse. The lowest bid for muriatic acid, Harrison Bros & Co. There is a claim by Harrison Bros & Co. that the character and quality of the goods they furnish is better than that of the other firms named but as the Melters & Refiners will test the quality of the supplies before using them, and if they are not found correct will reject them. I can see no objection to granting the contract as indicated above.

Dry goods

For dry goods there were 5 bidders.

to wit; Granville N. Haines, 16; John Wanamaker, John Welsh, Colton & Ashmead, W. W. Fry, and C. E. Wilbur.

All these bids were accompanied with bonds with the exception of that of W. W. Fry and as he was not the lowest bidder this omission is a matter of no consequence.

An examination of the bids with a comparison of the samples shows that John Wanamaker is the lowest and best bidder for duck, muslin, ticking, thread and Crash; and Granville N. Haines the for twine and sponge cloth.

Charcoal

Bids for received from John R. Rowan

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Henry C. McIlvain and E. Willis.

The bid of Willis which is but for pulverized Charcoal is not accompanied with a bond.

The bid of John R. Rowand for oak charcoal and pine charcoal is the same as that of Henry C. McIlvain. There is a marked difference however in the appearance of the Charcoal and there is no doubt in the judgment of the Melter and Refiner and myself that the bid should be given to Rowand, his being the best for our purposes, and as he has been furnishing under previous contracts to our entire satisfaction,

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I would award the contract to him.

Soaps

The bidders for soap were Harold R. Lewis & Co., The Van Stagen Manufacturing Co, Francis Conway & Sons, & Charles McKenne & Son's Manufacturing Co, Gustavus W. Pores and John Wanamaker.

A comparison of the samples and examination of the bids show that the award should be made as follows: to Harold R. Lewis & Co for Castile Soap and Robbins Electric Soap; to Van Stagen Manufacturing Company for Cocoa Soap; to Francis Conway & Sons for Borax Soap; and McKenne & Sons Manufacturing

Company for Sand Soap and White Castile Soap.

Crucibles

The bidders for Crucibles are Newkumet & Co, John A. Taylor, Phoenix Manufacturing Co., H. C. Ross & Co, & R. B. Seidel.

The bid of A. Newkumet & Co is the lowest, but as the purchase of this supply is a matter of the greatest importance to the Melter and Refiner - as a bad article will occasion serious loss to the Government and discredit to the officer in a large degree - I would recommend that each of the parties bidding

be requested to supply a certain number of samples of Crucibles for test, and that on the results of that test the award be granted.

The Melter and Refiner of this district after many years of experience has uniformly reported the economy of purchasing John A Taylor's Crucibles which uniformly run from 30 to 40 dollars melts per Crucible. But as there is such marked difference in price, and as each of the bidders claims that his crucibles are equal to the others, I recommend the course above referred to which also meets the approval of the

Melter & Refiner

Fire Brick & Fire Clay

The bidders are H K Van Duzen, & Borgner and O'Brien. As the bid of Van Duzen is the lowest and best, the Contract will be awarded to him

Wood

There were 4 bidders for wood, J. L. Lowry & Sons, John F. White & Son, James A. Watson, Administrator, and Frank A. Reed. The lowest bidder is James A. Lowry & Son, who furnish a bond and are said to be responsible parties. Although at the price they name it seems impossible for them to furnish as we require easily, thoroughly

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seasoned wood round and clefs, at the price named, nevertheless as I believe that they are responsible and the contract should be awarded to them.

Gloves

The bidders for gloves were Jos. Abbe-maker, File, Dean, Haney & Co, Mary L. Ashford, and Granville P. Haines & Co.

Although the samples of mitts furnished by File, Dean, Haney & Co are not as good as those furnished by Mrs Ashford, the difference in the price is so great that I recommend that the Contract for this supply be given to File, Dean, Haney, & Co, for their No. 1. mitts at $9.25 per dozen pair.

The bid of Mrs Ashford for Ladies Gloves al-
though higher than any of the others, is
believed to be by the foreman of the Cutting-
room the cheapest at the price named.
They are made by hand with gussets between
the fingers and have inside seams; the others
are made of much lighter leathers and also
by the use of the Sewing machine. The of-
ficer in charge of the Department thinks
that one pair of Mrs Ashford's gloves would
more than wear out two of the others.

As I am not an expert in this mat-
ter I called in the assistance of a gentle-
man who is entirely reliable, and who was
recommended to me by Mr John Wanamaker

The assures me that the gloves of Mrs Ashford would be the most economical for us to purchase, besides giving greater Comfort to the operatives. As this gentleman decides against the gloves of the firm with which he is associated as Compared with those of Dill, Clin, Haney & Co, I am led to place much Confidence in his judgment as well as for other reasons which I need not name.

Coal

There were 8 bidders for Coal, Brown Bros, & C. Cook, Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co; Patrick Lynott, Wm. Thornton, Frank Ward, William Bryant & Geo: B. Newton & Co. The bid of Brown & Co. 4.25 per ton for Lehigh pumps is the lowest and should be

accepted. The bid of H. C. Cook for hand picked Council Ridge Coal under the terms of the Schedule which is for melting purposes is the lowest, but I have grave doubts as to whether it is the best bid for the Government. Previous experiments have indicated the fact that the only Coal for melting purposes that gives economy is the Council Ridge Coal carefully hand picked. I have known the best of the other Coals to be tested and the result ions that the Coal cost the Government about $2.12 per ton. I would therefore recommend that all the bidders for melting coal be requested to furnish

samples of their Coal for testing, to the Melter & Refiner before the award is made.

Lumber

There were three bidders Thomas Williams Jr. & Co., Elias Pohl, & Charles Benton. The first two named are the lowest bidders and although it is rather difficult to decide between them, even after having them carefully investigated by the Carpenter whose letter is before me, my opinion is that Thomas Williams & Co. should have the contract for white-pine boards altered, for Walnut, Ash, and bass wood; and that Elias Pohl should have yellow-pine

boards, yellow-pine scantling, & planed shelving for boxes

Brushes

The bidders were Pickering & Colescott; George W. Bockius, D. Oakford Kelly & Son, E. Clinton & Co; and John Wanamaker.

Bockius, & Kelly & Son failed to submit bonds. Pickering and Colescott get all the articles named, except feather dusters, which goes to E. Clinton & Co to whom the contract should be awarded.

Rubber and Leather Belting

The bids of William Heaton and D. L. Dietrich were the only ones presented. Heaton gets the contract as the lowest bidder.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Rubber Gloves, Hose &c

For Rubber gloves, hose, &c O.T. Dietrich is the only bidder and entitled to the contract.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. London Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. A.C. Buchanan
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Attest:-
Jacob B. Eckfeldt Assayer
Chas. E. Barber Engraver
Jas. C. Booth M & R
M.D. Steel " Coiner

29: June 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following coins reserved for special assay from the deliveries of the Coiner of this Mint during the current month

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon. R. E. Bunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

29: June 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit statement of Silver purchases here from June 16th to June 30th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Bemhart
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

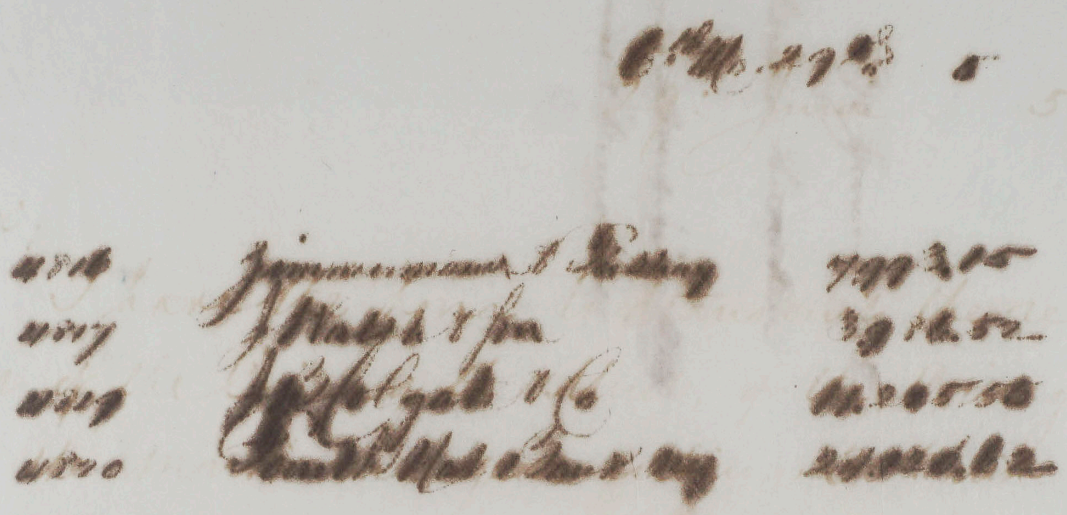
29: June 5

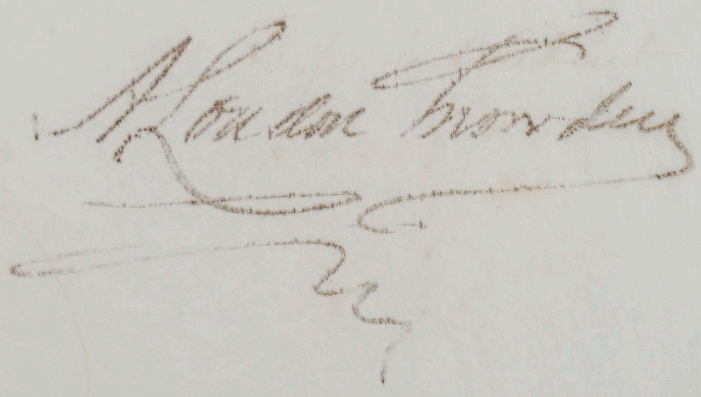
Sir:

I have the honor to transmit the report of the Coining of the Mint, & the Coinage for the month and year ending 30th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon H. C. Bench
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.





The Mint of the United States,

in

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Sept. 29th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint from Chemical Nat'l Bank New York per letter of advice dated 24th inst 1885

Fine Weight	oz.	49999.25
Gross Weight	oz.	47957 [illegible]
Value @ 1.0725	per oz. fine $	50.790 [illegible]

Superintendent

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Oct. 29th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from J. Wallace Son

per Letter of acceptance,

dated Oct 7 1885

Fineness Weight	oz	11.333 60
Gross Weight	oz	10.134 75
Value @ 1.07 1/2 per oz. fine $		10.869 92

A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

6th Mo. 24th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint, from Zimmerman & Ensley — per letter of advice, dated 6/27 1885

Fine Weight	oz.	31764.42
Fine Weight	oz.	29.079.72
Value @	$1.0714 per oz. fine,	$ 31.616.22

Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

30th June 5

Sir.

I am in receipt of a letter from the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury suspending the following items in my account on your bill for Traveling Expenses incurred in visiting this Mint in February last, as Assay Commissioner.

Per diem expenses $5 per day for (6) six days.	$30
Transfer Expenses and hack hire for both trips from and to San Francisco	$10
Porter's fees for both trips from & to San Francisco	$5
Total	$45.

Will you kindly forward me at your

earliest convenience, an itemized statement of these expenses, giving in detail, an explanation of the necessity for them, to assist me in releasing said items from suspension

Very Respectfully
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Mr John H. Twigg-
Assayer.
Mint of the United States
San Francisco.

30 : June 5

Sir;

I have the honor to state that I have forwarded to your office by mail the Register of Gold and Silver Deposits and Silver purchases for the 1st qr of the Calendar year 1885

Very respectfully
Jno Sedwick Howard
Superintendent

Wm A. C. Duchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

6th Mo. 30th 5

4821	Fourth Nat. Bank N.Y.	23.008.51
4822	Clark, Dodge & Co	53.987.17
4823	J.B. Colgate & Co	16.572.76
4824	Clark, Dodge & Co	19.612.62

London Branch

Wm M. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

6th Mo. 30th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the

J. B. Colgate & Co

New York

per Letter of advice,

26th 1885

Gross Weight	ozs.	27.118.75
Fine Weight	ozs.	25.909.80
Value @ $1.07 1/2	per oz. fine $	27.788.31

A. Loudon Snowden

Director

30: June 5

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose, for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, the following D/D of the Assistant Treasurer in this City:

No. 6300 for $159 35 deposited on account of Miscellaneous charges

" 6301 " $2898 23 ditto ditto Refining Charges

" 6302 " 32 70 ditto ditto Old material sold

" 6303 " 70. ditto ditto Assay fees

" 6304 " 69 52 ditto ditto Old material sold

I also enclose statements of "Assay fees" received and "old Material" sold during the Quarter ending June 30: 1885

Very respectfully, Your Ob. Servt.

London Snowden

Superintendent

Hon. W. C. Bouchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

30: June 5.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Statement of Charges on Bullion assayed here for the quarter ending June 30.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. A. R. Bumbard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

30: June 5

Sir;

Your services will not be required at this Mint after this day

Very respectfully

A. London Rawlins

Superintendent

Mr. John A. Grier

Asst. Engraver

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

June 30th, 1885.

Sir:

Your letter will not be required this month, only to report that the approximate amount of "Silver Dollars" on hand at the close of this day is 8,441,235.92 fine ounces.

[illegible] ounces unassayed.

[illegible] "Deposits" and "Bullion Purchases" and [illegible] coining [illegible] much, and assayed, to date, to be

708,881.549
18,958.134

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Adam Eckfeldt

Supt. Mint.

Hon. ROBERT P. PORTER,

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

[illegible]

July 1st 1885

Sir:

I beg to enclose the following original Certificates of deposit of the Assistant Treasurer U. S. Philadelphia for the unexpended balances of appropriations remaining in my hands as Superintendent of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1885.

No. 6312	Stand Sil Dollar Appropriation		$1074.55
" 6313	Salaries	"	876.09
" 6314	Wages	"	5490.47
" 6315	Incidental	"	5741.32
" 6316	Parting & Refining	"	4.86

Very Respectfully

Louis Furlong

Late Superintendent.

Hon N. C. Burchard,

Director of the Mint,

Washington D.C.

Mint U.S.
Philad. 7th Mo 1st 5

June 30th 1874

London Trimble
Chief Supt

July 5

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 2 Mint receipt Books 9 & 1, and package of checks on Cashier No. 53

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Frank H. Gross
Superintendent

Hon: H. Bouchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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H.C. 18

1. July 5

Sir,

I have the honor to return five applications for appointment to positions in the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, which were inadvertently mailed to this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon. Daniel C. Manning
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

June 30th 65

Sir:

I beg to hand you herewith the signature of Daniel M. Fox, my successor as Superintendent of this Mint, from which position I retire at the close of business this day.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Signature of
Dan'l M. Fox

Geo. Eyster Esq
Asst. Treas. U. S.
Philadelphia

June 30th 65

Sir:

I beg to hand you herewith the signature of Daniel N. Fox, my successor as Superintendent of this Mint, from which position I retire at the close of business this day.

Very Respectfully
London Snowden
Superintendent.

Signature of
Dan'l N. Fox

Hon Thos. C. Acton
Asst. Treas U. S.
New York

2: July 5

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official

We need the promised Register of Deposits Form One hundred and eighty eight A immediately. Cannot proceed without it

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon. N. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

HCH

2. July 5

Sir;

Please make requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for the sum of Eight hundred Dollars payable from the appropriation to meet the probable expenses of the Refinery at this Mint for the current month

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Wm. M. P. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

HCH

2 July 5

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official

Please have my balances with the Assistant Treasurer New York, increased

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon: H. R. Linchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

N. York Dec 5

1826	Blanchard, Dodge & Co	64.589 65
1826	Fourth Nat. Bank N.Y.	22.835 33
1827	do	49.829 99

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

7th Mo. 26th 1885

Boston & Colo. Smelting Co. Argo Col

24½ ozs. 5

Assay Wages @ 46.490.

Coin Wages @ 46.426.53

Waste @ $1.0733 per ½ fine $ 49.829.59

Superintendent.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

7th Mo. 2d 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasury of the U.S. from Clark Dodge & Co

New York

per letter of advice,

18 Bars

Gross Weight	ozs. 149.826.90	
Nett Weight	ozs. 149.575.40	
Value @ $1.07 2/5 per oz fine,	$ 160.419.71	

H. Linderman

Superintendent.

8. July 6

Sir

Learning from you verbally that you have a lot of fines on hand that is not fit for refining purposes, I will thank you to report the quantity, and quality, its probable fitness for other than Mint uses, and what disposition had better be made of it

Very respectfully

Superintendent

James C. Booth Esq
M. & R.

July 3rd 85

Sir.

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 27th ult., advising me of certain suspensions in my Ordinary Expense Account for the Quarter ended Mar 31. 1885, I beg to hand you herewith the authority by which Mr. P. F. Kobbe received the amount paid him ($118.95.) in settlement of the bill of the U.S. Electric Lighting Company. I also hand you a statement of the various telegraphic dispatches received at this Mint on public business, for which I was obliged to pay the charges entered in my accounts, upon receipt of the telegrams; the amount so paid being $6.62. In regard to the bill of Jno. W. Twiggs, I have written to

him for the itemized statement, and will forward it to you as soon as I receive it.

Very respectfully

Late Superintendent.

A. J. Williams

Comptroller U. S. Treasury

Washington

D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

July 3d 5

Sir

In compliance with the request of the Director of the Mint of the 9th of June, I send by Adams Expres, 20 gold, 35 Silver and 10 Bronze Army Marksmanship Medals, Mounted as desired, and a case for each, and enclose herewith duplicate receipted bills for the Medals, Mounting, Cases and Express charges amounting to $166.74

I also enclose duplicate Vouchers which please Sign and return to this office.

Very respectfully

A. M. Fox

Superintendent

Wm. Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

3: Jany 5

Sir;

Remittance of Gold Bullion No. 18. from your office, has been received by Express as per letter of advice and receipt of the 27th Inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
Assayer in charge Ass't Assay Office
Charlotte
N. C.

3. July 5

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt by registered Mail of a box said to contain assay Coins from your Mint for the Quarter ending 30th June, ultmo.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

A. M. Smyth Esq
Superintendent U.S. Mint
New Orleans
La

3rd. July 50

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt by Express of a box said to contain 60 Day Coins from your Mint for the Quarter June 30th ults.

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Svt.

Superintendent

C. F. Bunton Esqr
Superintendent U.S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal

3. June 5

Sir;

Allow me to suggest, in time, that in printing the usual blanks for this institution for the current six months, wherever the name of the Superintendent appears, it should be the name of the present and not the late Superintendent—

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

7th Mo. 3d 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint for the Bank of

Fourth Nat. Bank,

New York

6/per Cts 5 being balance

delivered since 30th ult.

Standard Weight ozs 29.054.85

Gross Weight ozs 29.40 6.17

Fineness .10725 ozs 31.538.12

Superintendent

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

July 8th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Fourth Nat. Bank New York, per letter of advice dated 6th July 1885, being amount deliv'd June 30th inst.

Fineness Weight	ozs.	21.480 [illegible]
Fine Weight	ozs.	21.480 [illegible]
Value @ 1.0725	per oz. fine, $	23.03 [illegible]

Superintendent.

7th Mo. 5th 5

1828 Bank of North America } 8:702 78

Q: July 5

Sir;

I have detailed :-
Kelso Johnson
William Barnes
Adam Rule
~~Thomas Gillespie~~ R. Gelpillen and
William Knapp

as special day-watchman for tomorrow and Sunday the 4th & 5th inst. in addition to the regular Watch. You will admit them to the building, and assign them to their respective posts of duty. They will report to you at the regular hour in the morning and remain until the Night Watch come

on in the evening of each day, except William Barnes, who on account of his residence in Manayunk will not be able to reach the Mint until about 7 o'clock A.M. but will remain until relieved in the evening as above stated

Very respectfully

Adam Hoff

Superintendent

Mr Michael Lafty
Capt. of the Bay Watch

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

July 1885

Sir

Herewith I forward Statement of Medal Fund Account, with Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30th 1885, Showing a balance in favor of the account of $330.20.

Very respectfully

Linderman

Late Superintendent

Hon Jas P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

6. July 5

Sir

George B. Bunn an Annealer in the Coiner Department of this Mint having been discharged his name will be dropped from the rolls on and after the 1st inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

6: July 5

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

We are in great straits for want of the new Register of Deposits, which has been promised but not yet received. What shall I do?

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

6. July 5

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst., enclosing copy of a letter from Mr L.L. White of Baltimore, Md., to the Secretary of the Treasury, complaining of shortage in a gold deposit sent by him to this Mint about the middle of June last.

This deposit was made during the term of my immediate predecessor in office and I have no knowledge of the case, but I will make inquiry as to the facts and report to you

Very respectfully your obdt servt

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Superintendent

C: July 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to transmit C/D of this date from the Assistant Treasurer U. S. in this City, No 6823 in my favor for $5.30 on account of refund by correspondents

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon Daniel E Manning
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D. C.

6: July 5

Sir;

Your services will not be required in this Mint ——— after this day.

Very respectfully,
Robt M. Patterson
Superintendent

Mr Laurence Lacey
Labora

7th July 3.

Sir;

The quota of Silver dollars to be struck by this Mint during the current month has been fixed by the Director at one million eight hundred thousand Dollars —

Very respectfully

Superintendent

James Booth Esq
Mint.

7 July 5

Sir,

The quota of Standard Dollars required from this Mint during the current month, has been fixed by the Director at one million eight hundred thousand

I am respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

William Strickland Esq
Cuba

C. July 5

Sir;

The accusation of June 22nd. against Laurence Carey, Laborer, in the General Department of this Unit (Assigned to duty as Gate Keeper) and referred to me by endorsement under date of the 1st inst. was duly received and an investigation having proved it to be true his name has been dropped from the rolls this day.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Hon. Daniel E. Manning
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Superintendent

July 7th 6

Sir.

Since entering upon duty, I have been informed by the late Superintendent that your Department had designated the Central National Bank as the depository for checks for collection, and for other deposits necessary to be made by this Mint.

The Bank referred to, is situated nearly two miles from the Mint, in West Philadelphia, in an outlying district of the city proper, and to reach which and return from, the Messenger carrying the deposit or drawing the check, must cross the bridge spanning the Schuylkill River, and take considerable time in making the entire distance. I have there-

fore deemed it necessary, in following the course heretofore taken, to have him accompanied by an officer detailed for the purpose, so as to secure safety in the carriage of the funds.

I beg respectfully to suggest, as notwithstanding the precautionary measures I have taken, there seems to be some risk on the road, as well as loss of time because of the distance, that I be permitted to open an account for deposit and check, in a Bank of deposit at some convenient point. There are a number of National Banks located on Chestnut street, not very far from the Mint, in which deposits might be made, and the time of the two men saved. I therefore respectfully suggest that the Independence National Bank, having

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a certificate of 500,000 paid in, situate on Chestnut
~~street~~ or any other National Bank in
the same locality be suggested as the depositary
~~instead~~ instead

Very respectfully &c.

Superintendent.

Hon. [illegible]
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Feb 5

Sir;

Remittance No. 19 of Extra Bulletin from your office has been received by Express as per letter of advice and Invoice of the 4th inst

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
Accountant Chg. U.S. Treasury Office
Charlotte
N.C.

6 July 5

Sir,

Lawrence L. Carey a Labrea on the General Department having been discharged his name will be dropped from the Rolls after this date.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Wm. James P. Kimball
Dist. of the West.
Washington
D.C.

7: July 5

Sir;

Remittance No. 19 of Gold Bullion from your office has been received by Express as per letter of advice and Memo: of the 1st inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U.S. Assayer in Chg Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

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Sir

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 1038 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the U.S. Assay office at Charlotte, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7 July 5

Sir

Herewith I enclose memo: No 1038 - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 18. received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 27th ult.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
Assayer in Charge - U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

7: July 5

Sir;

In endeavoring to become familiar with the workings of this institution I have had occasion to look at the experience of the past and among the Correspondence which has come to me, is a letter from yourself to Mr A. London Snowden late Superintendent under date of June 5. 1885 in which it speaks of 3 bars of Silver which had been received on the 2nd and 3rd December 1884 which could not be found, nor could you find any account of their use for melting or refining.

As this quantity of Silver bullion

enters into the consideration of the settlement at the end of the fiscal year, to wit, June 30th; and, it seems to me should be embraced in the computation in which I am interested, I respectfully ask from you a written explanation, - whether the bars were found and accounted for as bullion silver and any other information you may have concerning the matter

Very respectfully

Superintendent

James R Booth Esq
Melter & Refiner

WCB

July 7th 5

Sir

In compliance with your suggestion of the 6th inst. I herewith enclose a requisition for 1,000 envelopes for special assay coins. for sample thereto attached. being the one enclosed in your letter.

I am informed that a requisition was made for these envelopes some two months since, but their non arrival compelled the Cashier to use envelopes that were too thin for the purpose.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
acting Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

7 July 1885

Dear Sir

Have the kindness to inform me fully what is the present condition of the case of the United States vs Daley, charged with being concerned in the theft of a silver bar, or of bars, from this Mint towards the beginning of the year?

Also what has been the cause of delay in Daley's being brought to trial?

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon John K Valentine
U. S. District Attorney
9th & Chestnut Sts
Philad

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Mint of the United States in Philadelphia, Pa.

7 July 5

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 6th inst., of a Confidential letter to the Secretary of the Treasury from John A Grier late Assistant Engineer in this Mint calling attention to certain transactions in the administration of this institution under Col. Snowden the late Superintendent, and which you referred to me by endorsement for report and return. Your request will be complied with as soon as may be practicable.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
(signed) Lidn. McCook
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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Mary Clark, Dodge & Co 116.074.82

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

July 16. 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Clark, Dodge & Co

New York per letter of advice,

dated 24th July 1885

Invoice Weight,	ozs. 52013.	90
Fine Weight,	ozs. 49729.	42
Value @ $1.0732 per oz. fine,	$53584.	52

Superintendent.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

7th Mo. 7th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Clark, Dodge & Co. New York — per letter of advice, dated 24th Mo. 11th 1885

Invoice Weight	ozs.	52 861.20
Fine Weight	ozs.	52 710.20
Value @ $1.0734	per oz. fine, $	54497.42

Superintendent.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

July 7th, 1885.

I have the honor to report that the approximate amount of "Silver Bullion" purchased for Standard Silver Dollars" on hand at the close

1,497,822.264 fine ounces,

11662.80 Gold
220/20 Locals } Gross ounces unassayed.

of the present month, and "Domestic Purchases" and "Parted Silver" received, melted, granulated, and assayed to date, to be as follows:

Treasury Purchases 244,200.714 Fine Ounces.

Domestic Purchases 2018.126 " "

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Superintendent.

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

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1st Lr.

July 25

Sir

I learn that the Melter and Refiner has had on hand for several years 6578 pounds of Spelter that is unfit for refining or assaying or for any purpose connected with the Establishment. I enclose order of a report from the Officers giving the history and character of this Spelter and advising that it be sold, & would be glad if you will instruct me to do so and if authorized to advertise it might be advantageous to advertise in Newspapers, and the proceeds of sale received into the Treasury in the usual manner.

I submit the case for your consideration, and respectfully await in-

attractions as to the perfect distinction
of the metal.

P. S. I also enclose
copy of the bill, made up
this July, in pursuance with
our

HCM

July 8th 1857

Sir

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No. 1080. of Gold Bullion being, the remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte. N. C. & the transferred to the Bullion fund of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

July 8th 65

Sir

Herewith I inclose Memo: No 1080 of Gold Bullion (in duplicate) being remittance No. 19. received from your office, as per letter of advice and memo: 4th inst.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
Assayer in chge: U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N. C.

HCH

July 8th 5

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will make requisition upon the Department for one dozen blank books, octavo size, such as are used in the Custom House, for registering, over their own signature, the arrival of Employees of the Mint, the hour and minute, and the hour and minute of their departure. I need these registers to enable me to introduce more system and punctuality in the attendance of Employees, and shall be glad to have them as soon as may be possible.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Wm. M. Fox
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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4830	Zimmermann & Lindsay	11.229
4831	Clark, Dodge & Co.	27.732.31

Pages 214 + 215 - transferred to miscellaneous Book

July 9th 1885

Sir

I have this day placed the "Cleveland Presidential" Medal on the list and, with your approval, propose to sell it at $2.00

Very respectfully

Wm Milne

Superintendent

Hon Jas P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington,

D. C

July 7th 65

Sir

I have assigned you to duty in the Melter & Refiners department until otherwise ordered, and you will immediately report to Mr. F. C. Garigues. Foreman in that department,

Respectfully

D. M. Fox

Superintendent

Mr. Geo. L. Beatty

Engraving Dept.

July 9th 5

Sir

I have assigned you to duty in the Melter & Refiners department until otherwise ordered and you will immediately report to Mr F. C. Savignes, Foreman in that department

Respectfully
J M Fox
Superintendent

Mr Isaac Jacobs

July 9th 65

Sir

Your services will not be required in the Mint after this date.

Respectfully
D. McKee
Superintendent

Mr George W. Seitz

Hereafter the Sundry Grants are to have access to the Armory. From which please see that this order is complied with.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

Captain Franks

Inspt Prats

Ins. Dept. Penna

Phila

Hdqrs

July 9th 1865

Sir

I have elected you as one of the Lunday Watch until otherwise ordered. You will report to Mr Richard Lapsley, Captain of the Watch, at 6 o'clock A. M. on Lundays, and he will assign you to duty.

I rely with confidence upon your faithfulness, punctuality & vigilance.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[illegible]
Lieut Colonel

Mr L. G. Barbour
Washington
D. C.

July 9th 5

Sir

I herewith return my requisition of the 7th inst for 1.000 official assay Envelopes. duly verified by my signature which had inadvertantly been omitted.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Dan'l Ott
Lieutenant

R. E. Preston Esq
acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Work

July 9th 5

Sir

I have added S. G. Benamotick and Samuel Laird to the Sunday Watch, until otherwise ordered, and directed them to report to you for duty, I have notified Capt Banks, of the Night Watch, that hereafter the Sunday Watch are to have access to the armory.

Very Respectfully

W. H. Ford

Lieutenant

To Michael Lafty

Capt: Sunday Watch

N. S. Mint

Phila

HCH

July 9th 5

Sir

I have selected you as one of the Sunday Watch until otherwise ordered. You will report to Mr. Michael Lafty, Captain of the Watch, at 6 o'clock A. M. on Sundays, and he will assign you to duty. I rely with confidence upon your faithfulness, punctuality and vigilence.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Superintendent

Mr Samuel Laird
U. S. Mint
Phila

7th Mo. 9th 5

1832	Clark, Dodge & Co.	12,763.72
1833	Handy & Comish	25.000.—

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

7th Mo. 9th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint, from Clark, Dodge & Co.

New York per letter of advice,

dated 6/24 1885

Coarse Weight	oz.	49.590.30
Fine Weight	oz.	49.525.21
@ Value $ 1.0739	per oz. fine, $	53.140.05

all delivered this month.

Superintendent.

10 July 5

Sir

Have the kindness to supply me at the earliest practicable moment with an inventory of the stock in the store room under your charge;

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Mr William J. McComas
Store room

Note: In future when you leave in the afternoon ~~when you leave the store room~~ hand the key to Mr. Fox himself.

Sir

I herewith forward the Engineer Statement of Cubic yards of Material excavated during the fiscal year ended June 30. 1885

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Engineer 9th Dist

10 July 5

Sir,

In Conformity with the provisions of Section 3564 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Cashier herein enclosed, I have appointed Mrs Aimee S. Warfield an Assistant in the Coiner's department of this Mint - vice Miss Eliza G. Handy resigned - at a Compensation of $1 per diem, to date from Confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director
Washington
D.C.

Mint

July 10th 65

Sir

Shipment No 20. Some Question specified in your letter of the 7th inst. for coinage on Government account has been received.

I am Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

Sir

Respectfully referring to my letter of the 9th inst., I have the honor to transmit a communication from Mr. Snowden to the Director under date of the 9th of October 1863, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. That the arrangement to deposit certain Mexican coins with the Centennial Exhibition was a purely informal understanding between the Superintendent, the Director and Mr. Eugene D. Dorsey, Chief of the Division of Public Monies, and as I understand it without any authority of law on which to rest it.

I had a personal conference with the Asst Treasurer U.S. in this city, who informed me that he had no legal authority to receive

and collect the checks and drafts in question and if they should be sent to him all he could do would be to send them out to some National Bank for collection.

This being the case I respectfully renew my application of the 7th inst for permission to deliver the Independence National Bank for the purpose specified, or some other responsible bank that you may consider suitable for the purpose.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. H. L. Fox
Superintendent

R. C. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

10: July 5

Sir

Miss Eliza G. Standy, an adjuster in this Mint having resigned on account of ill-health, her name will be dropped from the rolls after the 7th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loud M. Fox
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

7th Mo. 10th 5

4834	South York Bank, NY	24.230.25
4835	National Bank of the Republic, NY	3.861.65

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Feby 21st 1885

Sir

In view of the requirements of the Legislature as applicable to the Institution it becomes our duty to inform you that the limit of a days labor must not exceed eight hours on Saturday just as on the week day and that this rule applies to the days work as also to overtimes.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr. James A. Booth

Melter & Refiner

July 11th 85

Sir

In view of the requirements of the Government as applicable to this Institution it becomes me to inform you that the time of a days labor must embrace eight hours on Saturday just as any other week day and that this will apply to this days work as also to all others.

Very Respectfully
Paul Fox
Superintendent

Mr Chas: E. Barber
Engraver

July 11th 85

Sir

In view of the requirements of the Government as applicable to this Institution it becomes me to inform you that the time of a days labor must embrace eight hours on Saturdays just as any other week day and that this will apply to this days work as also to all others.

Very Respectfully
Chas. W. Fox
Superintendent

Mr Wm S. Seal
Comer

July 11th 5

Sir

In view of the requirements of the Government as applicable to this Institution it becomes me to inform you that the time of a days labor must embrace eight hours in Saturdays just as any other week day and that this will apply to this this days work as also to all others.

Very Respectfully
Saml M Fox
Superintendent

Mr Jacob B. Eckfeldt
Assayer

21 July 5

Sir,

It is essential that the operations of the Adjoining room shall Commence precisely at 8 o'clock. This is dependent upon the hoisting machine which should be running before that time and we desire that it be accomplished.

You will therefore have your engine in operation in ample time to enable this to be done

Very respectfully
D. Hall Mott
Superintendent

Mr John L. McGinnis
Engineer

11 July 5

Sir

Your services will not be required in this Mint after this day

Very respectfully
L. McLose
Superintendent

Mr. Michael Maher
Helper M.R. No 3

1st Ck

July 11th 65

Sir

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No 1083 of Gold Bullion being for remittance received from the United States Mint at Denver, Colo. to be transfered to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

July 11th 85

Sir

Enclosed herewith I transmit statements of our Refining Operations for the months of April and May 1885. The Melter and Refiner informs me that the delay was owing to alterations and improvements undertaken by the last Superintendent, which interfered with the Refining Department

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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July 11th 85

Sir

I have forwarded to your office by to-days mail the Register of gold and silver deposits and silver purchases, for the quarter ended June 30: 1885

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
A M C K F
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

11 July 5

Sir;

Michael Maher, a Helper in the Melter & Refiner's Department having been removed, his name will be dropped from the rolls after this date

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Wm M Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

NCM

July 11th 1885

Sir

Herewith I enclose memo: No 1083 - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No 19 received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of June 30th 1885.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Wm H. Silver
Assayer in Charge
Denver
Colo.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

7th Mo. 11th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the United States from Zimmerman & Son

Albany, New York — — — per Letter of advice,

dated 7/6 6/25 1885

Fineness Weights	ozs. 11.652	80
Fine Weights,	ozs. 10.418	07
Value @ $1.0225	per oz. fine, $ 11.240	65

All obtained this month.

Charges deducted
$ 11.65

Superintendent.

13. July 5

Sir;

On the 11th day of February 1885 P. [illegible] Van Wyck, Acting Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York City, addressed a letter to my predecessor A. Loudon Snowden Esq. stating that an Ounce Silver bar sold to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, by a New York firm (the [illegible]) within a few days, had been offered for sale under suspicious circumstances and inquiring whether the Superintendent of the Mint knew anything concerning it.

An examination of the bars on hand

based on this information, showed that the bar referred to had been stolen from this institution.

The bar was subsequently restored to the Mint, and a party named Peter Daley was placed under arrest as a receiver of the stolen property. The criminal action against him is yet pending.

On the 7th July inst. desirous of knowing what steps had been taken in furtherance of the action, I addressed a letter to John K. Valentine Esq. United States District Attorney, requesting the enquiry. The testimony on

the 8th inst., responded to the letter and explained the reasons why the case had not yet been disposed of.

The abstraction of this bar of valuable metal led me to make inquiry as to the rumor which had existed with regard to other bars, and I called for all correspondence on the subject concerning it.

Among the letters handed me was one from Prof. J. C. Booth, Melter & Refiner of this Institution, addressed to A. Loudon Snowden Esq. then Superintendent, under date of Jan'y 5. 1855, by which it appeared that three bars of silver

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had been stolen from the yard of the Mint somewhere between the beginning of December 1884 and the 3 Jan: 1885. Desirous of obtaining more information in regard to this latter matter, I addressed a letter, under date of July 7th inst., to Mr Booth stating that his letter to the late Superintendent was before me, enquiring if the bars had been found not accounted for as bullion silver, and for any other information he might have concerning the matter. In response to this I received a letter from him, under date July 8th, in which he

gives his history of these bars and his theory as to the manner of the theft. He states that they embrace in the aggregate 1975 65/100 standard ounces of silver, and as they were under his special charge at the time of the theft he proposed to pay their value to the superintendent of the Mint.

Copies of the letter from Prof. Booth to A. L. Snowden, from Mr Van Wyck Brannin the Omahabar, and of the correspondence between the District Attorney and myself in regard to the first bar and between Mr. Booth and myself with regard to the other three bars are hereto annexed marked respectively with the letters

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A, B, C, D, & E, & F,

I respectfully suggest that as regards the present standing of the prosecution against Daley for receiving the stolen property, to wit: the fact that it remain in suspension, subject to the judgment of the District Attorney, as this course is essential in the effort to bring to justice the parties who purloined the box from this institution. As the District Attorney looks to me for further assistance, I have endeavored to ascertain what facts I could in regard to the matter but have not as yet been enabled to furnish him the

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information he desires

In regard to the abstraction of the 3 last mentioned Silver bars, which should be fully and critically inquired into, I am entirely without information, by reason of the lapse of time since the act was perpetrated and also because the files of the Mint do not furnish any information as to an investigation, or if any inquiry was made, what it resulted in.

I would respectfully suggest that the Department furnish experts to assist the District Attorney in the prosecution of the inquiry as to both cases; & I furthermore add that I do not feel myself authorized —

to accept of the intended proffer of the value of the three last missing bars from Prof. Booth - as mentioned in his letter - without special instructions on the subject from the Department.

In this connection, Mr Cowperthwaite our Book-keeper desires instructions concerning the course he should pursue regarding the Silver Wastage of the Melter and Refiner and how it should be taken up and accounted for, and as this involves the inquiry as to the abstraction of the three mentioned bars, I invite

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instructions on this branch of the subject also as he (the Book-keeper) cannot close the accounts of the Mint for the last fiscal year without being advised

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Alfred Mint
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Note: Since writing the foregoing I have received another letter from Prof. Booth a copy of which I also enclose marked G

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Copy.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT,
Philadelphia, Janry 5th, 1885

Sir.

A lot of silver bars, invoiced 208, was received 2d & 3d of Dec. 1884, and after being debited to me, were deposited as usual on the stone floor, in front (north) of Mr. Cochran's room. When we wished to employ them on Saturday last, 3rd of January 1885, three of the bars could not be found, nor can we find any account of their use for melting or refining. Nevertheless, their apparent, if not real, loss necessarily awakens in me much anxiety of mind, when I observe the large number of silver bars lying on the stone floor, and debited to me. I am the more anxious, when I learn that we have had strange workmen in the Mint continuing their work until the darkness of 6. P.M.

Very respectfully,

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden (Signed) Jas. C. Booth
Supt. M. & R.

B

Off. C.B. f. 203

Copy

7: July 5

Dear Sir;

Have the kindness to inform me fully what is the present condition of the case of the United States vs Daley, charged with being concerned in the theft of a silver bar, or bars, from this Mint towards the beginning of the year?

Also what has been the cause of delay in Daley's being brought to trial;

Very respectfully

Dan'l M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon. John L. Valentine
U.S. District Attorney
9th & Chestnut Sts
Phila

C

Copy.

Office U.S. District Attorney Eastern District Penna
Philada, July 8th 1885.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox, Supt.
U.S. Mint, Phila.

Dear Sir: I have your letter of yesterday, asking me the cause of delay in the trial of Peter Daley. Daley was arrested on the 16th of Feb. last, - the day of the commencement of the February sessions of the United States District Court. I had him held to answer at that term, and on the next day the Grand Jury found a true bill against him. During the ten days the jury was in attendance on the Court at that term, I did not call the case for trial, for the reason that Daley was only the receiver of the bar of silver which had been abstracted from the Mint, and I thought it important for the public interest that time should be taken to ascertain, if possible the other guilty parties, and especially to learn whether any employees of the Mint had participated in or had any knowledge of this transaction. Failing to obtain any information on this point, it was my intention to try the case at the May Sessions of the Court, and would

have done so, had I not received instructions from the Atty Gen. not to try any cases that were not absolutely necessary to be tried, by reason of the failure of the appropriation to defray the expenses of the Court. I therefore tried prison cases only; and the case of Daley, and all other cases, were continued, where the parties accused were not in prison.

I am glad your attention has been called to this case, and I would be pleased if you can aid in any way in ascertaining the guilty participants in this transaction. While it is important that Daley should be brought to a speedy trial, and while it is my intention to do this, in my opinion it is still more important that the parties who actually committed the larceny or embezzlement, especially if they be in the public service, should be brought to justice.

I am Sir

Very Truly Yours

(Signed.) Jno. K. Valentine

U. S. Atty.

D.

Off. C.B. p. 200

7 July 5

Sir

In endeavoring to become familiar with the workings of this institution I have had occasion to look at the experience of the past and among the Correspondence which has come to me, is a letter from yourself to Mr A. London Superintendent under date of January 5. 1885 in which it speaks of 3 bars of silver which had been received on the 2nd and 3 December 1884 which could not be found, nor could you find any account of their use for melting and refining.

As this quantity of silver bullion

enters into the Consideration of the settlement at the end of the fiscal year, to wit, June 30th and it seems to me should be embraced in the computation in which I am interested, I respectfully ask from you a written explanation, - whether the bars were found and accounted for as bullion silver, and any other information you may have concerning the matter

Very respectfully
Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent

James C. Booth Esq
Melter & Refiner

E

Copy.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT,
Philadelphia, July 8th 1885

Sir.

I was glad to receive your communication in relation to three missing bars, as it anticipated my drawing your attention to the subject, which I intended to do this day.

The following is the history of those bars. We were in the practice of receiving silver bars, bought by the Director of the Mint in Washington, and since there was no vault room to store them, they were piled on the stone floor of the inner area of the Mint, until required for use, wholly unguarded. They were sometimes injudiciously accumulated on that area, in piles of 3 to 5 feet in height, against every wall and partition around the area, that could be used for the purpose. It was supposed that their weight would be a sufficient guarantee against their being taken illegally, i.e. stolen; the smallest

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weighing 30 to 50 lbs., and the larger, 100 to 120 lbs. A large proportion of them were placed there in Dec. 1884, about the 1st to 5th. When we desired to use Nos 7087, 7093, and 7113, they could not be found, and I desired then to call the attention of the Director to the fact, but the Superintendent thought that they might be still among the multitudes piled on the floor; that it would require a regular winding up of the whole melting department to determine the fact; that I could not be certain of their abstraction without such winding up; and that it would suit the intensely active business of the silver coinage better by waiting until the regular closure of accounts in June. I admitted the urgency of the active demand for Dollars by the Gov't, and yielded to his reasoning.

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Directly after our discovery of the apparent absence of the three bars, occurred the abstraction of a large bar of about 70 lbs,—which was afterward recovered. This however led to my suggesting the present heavy iron cages enclosing each pile of bars, and under lock and key. Since then I cease to feel the intense anxiety for the safety of the bars, that I had always anxiously felt, at witnessing the piles of loose silver bars subject to be handled by the hundreds of visitors that daily pass thro' the Mint.

In making the late closure of accounts, which we annually make, we turned over all the bars in the Mint, and could not find the three missing bars. I have therefore no alternative but to consider that they were abstracted, altho' I have no more certain

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knowledge of the fact, than that we have found no account of their having been used, and we cannot find them. Since they were under my charge, when I believe they were abstracted, I feel that I am responsible for their value, which I propose to pay over to the Supt of the Mint, viz: 1975.$^{65}/_{100}$ standard ozs of silver. Nevertheless, as I believe that an impartial and thorough investigation of all the facts of the case will exonerate me from all blame as to the loss of the silver, I feel confident that what I pay over to the Govt will be restored to me in effect, and to this end I solicitate such an investigation.

While on the subject of the danger of loss to the Govt, from the exposure of silver, I beg to refer to a few points of interest, closely con-

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nected with the questions raised by this writing.
The Director of the Mint has been in the habit of
purchasing silver bars in the Market, and sending
them to the Mint for coinage, without consulting
sufficiently with the officers, who best know the
capacity of the mint, at any given time, and when
we happened to be full of bars to overflowing, we have
been in great anxiety to know what to do with the over=
flow. Again, while we were in the midst of making
the annual settlement lately, and required every avail=
able space to move the bars, the Director sent several
lots of bars, just purchased, making it exceedingly
inconvenient, and making me doubt whether the new
lots ought not rather to go to the next year. They
were however embraced in the closing years account.

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a little preliminary correspondence might solve the difficulty.

I think that if you were to spend a little time in observing the conducting of visitors thro' the Mint, you would perceive the desirability of some system in doing so. One conductor has often from ten to twenty persons following him at one time. Now, altho' it is a matter of no moment to me that the visitors see nothing, and learn nothing of consequence, the passage of such large detachments does somewhat impair the facility of intercourse among the officers and men. This is especially observable in the S.W. angle of the area, near the entrance to the Deposit melting room, to my office, &c. where the conductors have a stock of pamphlets to sell to

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the visitors, professing to describe the coins of the world, the machinery of the Mint, together with some things having no relation whatever to coinage, &c. I care not whether the Knowledge they (the visitors) acquire is correct or otherwise, but I do seriously object to barring off the easy transition of officers or men, between the different parts of the Mint, by a crowd of visitors. I have seen the Supt of the Mint climb out of the window of the Deposit room, in order to get round the crowd of visitors, and I have often been obliged to do the same, not to lose too much time.

Without making any charge upon any one, I may state that the centre of the above crowd of visitors was the pile, containing at the top the three

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MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT,
Philadelphia, 18

bars of silver that are deficient. I regret that I did not feel certain of the loss of the bars until two days since, I asked Mr. Boyd, the Asst M. & R., whether the bars had been found, and upon learning that they had not, I determined to give you a full account of the transaction, and pay the loss in order that the account of my Department for the year might be closed. I regret that I could not come to the conclusion sooner, and prior to your writing to me.

Very respectfully,
(Signed.) Jas. C. Booth.
M & R.

Hon Daniel M. Fox.
Superintendent.

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U. S. Assay Office, N.Y. City
Supt's Office, Dec. 11. 1865.

A.L. Snowden, Esq.
Supt U.S. Mint, Phila
Sir.

An Omaha Silver bar, sold to the U. S. Mint, Phila, by N.Y. firm Seligman & Co. within a few days, has been offered for sale under suspicious circumstances. The bar weighs 1023 79/100 ozs. and is numbered 16.929.

Do you know anything about it? Please answer. I have addressed you a telegram of above tenor this date. The bar was offered to Platt & Co. Refiners, by a jeweler's firm here, having been received from Philadelphia.

I am Very respectfully.
(Signed) P. V. R. Van Wyck
Actg Supt.

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13: July 5

Sir;

By the advice of my friend H. Rowland Evans of this city, I propose depositing the value of the three bonds, which I have disappeared from the Mint, with the Fidelity, a such well accredited institution, until such time as the subject shall have been investigated by the Government authorities and reported on, when they shall be paid over according to the decision, that will be arrived at. In the mean time I will make the amount payable to you or any other Government official you may select as the most appropriate recipient

Very respectfully

Jas: L. Booth

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Hon. D. McCox

Superintendent

13: July 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Mrs Aimee S. Warfield recently appointed Adjuster in the Finance Department of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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July 13th 5

Sir.

I desire to direct your attention to the fact that the Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. have delivered but, say 50.238.71 ozs silver on its contract of the 27th ult. for the delivery of 200.000 ozs. @ $1.07½ fine. Also that the Fourth Nat'l Bank of N.Y. is behindhand nearly 50.000 ozs. on its contract of the 2d inst @ $1.07½ fine. Please write me tomorrow morning as to whether I shall close their accounts, or waive the ten days limitation laid down in the Secretary's circular of May 5th last, and continue to receive silver on these respective accounts.

I would respectfully suggest the propriety of urging upon sellers of silver bullion

the importance of promptly filling their contracts within the ten days specified by the Secretary.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant.
Wm. L. Hx
Superintendent

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7 1/2 M. 13 Ds 5

4826	Franklin Mech. Bank Mag. for the J. Wann Mandl. Pam. a/c	50.881.02
4827	Franklin Mech. Bank Mag	12.393.28
4828	J.B. Colgate & Co.	16.355.32

Daniel Webster

7 1/2 Mo. 14 1/2 5

4839	Handy & Connie	9.788.67
4840	Fourth Nat. Bank Ky	11.36 20

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

Feb 14th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Edwards Dodge & Co

New York

per letter of [illegible]

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Delivered on Duly

Gross Weight gs 56.025.00

Fine Weight gs 55.882.46

$1.0725 per oz. Cts $59.933.24

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Mo. 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Clark, Dodge & Co

Ny. for letter of advice,

dated 6/18 1885

Deliveries in Fineness

Fineness W. gds	oz	93.801.20
Fine Weight	oz	93.693.03
Value @ $1.0725	per oz. fine $	100.585.77

Superintendent

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

7th Mo. 14th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint from Handy & Lonnie per letter of advice, 7th inst 1885

Fineness Weight	gr.	36.120.
Value Weight	gr.	32.467 26
@ Value	$ 1.0715 per oz. Cost, $	34.788. 67

Superintendent.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

7th Mo. 14th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Boslund & Co. Chas. & Co. per letter of advice, dated 6/24 1885

Invoice Weight,	ozs.	46.170 —
Fine Weight,	ozs.	46.426.52
Value @ $1.0722	per oz. fine, $	49.829.52

All delivered in July

Superintendent.

July 14th 65

Sir

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No 1113 of Fred Bullin Esqr for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to be transferred to the Pension Fund of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James R. Dinsdale
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

July 14th 65

Sir

Herewith I enclose memo No 1113 in duplicate of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No 28 received from your Office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of July 7th.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
Assayer in Charge
Charlotte
N. C.

14: July 5

Sir;

Accompanying this, please find a communication under date July 14th 1885 from Jacob B. Eckfeldt Esqr. Assayer of this Mint who asks the interpretation of one of the "instructions and regulations" contained in the pamphlet under that title touching the matter of justification of expense of separating proportions of gold in silver deposits.

He asks for the meaning of the words "warrants the expense of parting" in the Instructions and Regulations" and of the words "separated

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

advantageously" in the law relating thereto.

I respectfully submit the same for your consideration and decision

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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Copy.

July 14th 5

Sir.

I respectfully ask for information as to the proper interpretation to be put upon the laws and regulation in regard to the reporting of small quantities of gold contained in silver bullion.

The "Instructions and Regulations," page 7, says: "In silver deposits containing small proportion "of gold, no allowance will be made for the gold unless "its value warrants the expense of parting, and when "it does not, no parting charge will be imposed."

Also Revised Statutes, Sect. 3579, says: "Whenever "where gold and silver are combined, if either metal be "in such small proportion that it cannot be separated "advantageously, no allowance will be made," &c

Now, as to the Regulation, the question is, what is implied in the phrase, "warrants the expense

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of parting; and as to the laws, what is meant by "separated advantageously."

Up to within a few months past, the practice here has been uniformly to report only such quantities of gold as would pay the expense of their own parting. So far as I am aware, there has never been but one opinion here on the subject. But the question being raised in a letter from a New York depositor, some time since, the decision of the Director reversed our practice in part, and in part left the matter in an indefinite and unsatisfactory shape. To illustrate: A deposit of 100 ozs. of silver 900 fine, containing one thousandth of gold, would be subject, according to our former practice, to a refining charge of 1½ cents per oz.—or $1.50. If the bullion were parted, the charge would be @ 2½ cents per oz.—$2.50. The value of the gold being $2.06, the actual cost to the depositor would be 44 cents. This latter is what the Director considered

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being, "separated advantageously;" and for the depositor; so it certainly is. But for the Government, it is not advantageous, since the Mint can never get out of it what it has cost to part it.

Under the present ruling we are often embarrassed to know where the reporting limit is to be fixed. Except in the large purchases of fine silver, there is very little bullion received here, that does not contain nearly or quite half-a-thousandth of gold. Our own coin is not free from it, But it seems to me that to report half-a-thousandth of gold, would in most, if not all case, be a serious mistake. I will thank you, therefore, if you will have the matter settled by a well defined regulation.

Very respectfully

(Signed.) Jacob B. Eckfeldt

Assayer.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox

Superintendent.

H.C.N.

July 14th 57

Sir

Respectfully referring to our letter of the 3d inst., enclosing copy of a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury from Mr L. S. White of Baltimore, Md, charging an error in the reported weight of a Small deposit of gold Sent to the Mint through the Adams Express Co, I have the honor to state that upon investigation I find there was no error here, and have so written to Mr White.

The deposit was carefully weighed in the presence of two of the Mint employes and the Express Agent who brought it, and they all agreed in the weight as 7.92 Ounces.

Our Scales are examined every morning before we commence business, and adjusted if necessary.

Avoirdupois Scales in common use you are
aware are Not Suitable for weighing gold,
especially in small amounts.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Edwd McFee
Superintendent

Hon Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

July 14th 1885

1,434,856 oz

88,000 Eagles
1,178 - Lon. Dr.

438,783.11

10,535.75

Saml H. Fox
Superintendent

Jas P. Kimball

July 13th 85

Sir

I beg to enclose herewith the following bills for payment from the unexpended balance of the Contingent fund of this Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30 1885, said bills being for supplies furnished during the fiscal year, and properly payable from said balance deposited in the Treasury June 30 1885.

George B Newton and Co Coal $122.17

Bullock and Crenshaw $15.55
" " " 1.62
" " " 8.52 25.69

Please have the drafts sent to the named parties for the amounts.

Very Respectfully

Loudon Snowden
Asst Supt

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington DC

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

July 14th 1885.

Sir

I beg to enclose herewith a letter from John W Twiggs of San Francisco Cal, who attended the annual Assay at this Mint in February last, and whose item of charge of $45.00 in his bill of expences you suspended for itemized statement thereof. I trust that the explanation given by the Gentleman will be satisfactory and sufficient to remove the suspension

I am Very Respectfully

Lorain Threadgill
Late Superintendent

Hon W J Durham
Comptroller
Washington D.C.

July 15th 5

Sir

Enclosed please find Statement of the number and value of gold, Silver and bronze Medals and Pattern Coins Sold during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1885.

Very respectfully
A. London Snowden
late Superintendent

Hon Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

July 15th 5

Sir

Enclosed please find Coiner's Report of Medals and Proof Coin Manufactured for the Quarter ending June 30th 1885, as follows:

No 1. Fine and Standard Gold and Silver used in Manufacture of Medals.

No 2. Copper used in Manufacture of Medals.

No 3. Gold Proof Coin

No 4. Silver " "

No 5. Gold Medals

No 6. Silver Do

No 7. Bronze Do

Also Superintendents Report of Medals and Proof Coin, Sold and on hand for the same Quarter as follows:

E. Gold Medals

5. Silver Medals
6. Bronze Do
6. Gold Proof Coins
7. Silver Do "

Very respectfully
London Kimball
Late Superintendent

Hon Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Philadelphia

30th June 1836

30th

June 6

1374,677.08 25.617.702.52

1624,039.30 1597.95445

H. D. Cochran

Wright Clerk

A. London Dundas

7 Mo. 15 6

4841 Blank, Dodge & Co 98.795 43

15. July 5

Sir,

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

Is extension granted to Fourth National Bank for silver sold second instant? Letter does not state

Very respectfully
your obedient servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 15th 5

Sir

Herewith I forward Coiner's Report of Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals Struck at the U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, during the Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1885.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

July 16th 1855

Sir

Your letter of the 15th inst enclosing draft for $1664.74 in payment of bill for Gold Silver and Bronze Marksmanship Medals, Mounted, Cases and Express charges on package, forwarded from this Office on the 3d inst, has been received.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
A. M. Fox
Superintendent

E. M. Lawton Esq
Disbursing Clerk War Department
Washington
D. C

7th Mo. 16th 5

4842	National Bank of the Republic, N.Y.	3.088.55
4843	Tenth Nat. Bank, N.Y.	36.431.53
4844	Tenth Nat. Bank, N.Y. for the J. Wimmer Memorial Fund	46.331.74
4845	Blanke, Dodge & Co.	24.520.14

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

7th Mo. 16th 1885

Statement of Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint from the South National Bank, N.Y. per letter of advice, dated 2d inst. 1885

Fineness Weight, gs. 51.721.22

Fine Weight, gs. 50.101.22

Value @ 1.0715 per g. fine, $53.683.51

Superintendent.

July 16th 85

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you by to-days registered Mail, my Ordinary, Std Silver Dollar & Refinery Expense accounts for the months of June 1885.

I am

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Chief Depty

Hon Jas P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

6 July 5

Sir;

Miss Lucy Harper having resigned her position of Assistant in the Coiners Department, her name will be dropped from the rolls after the 13th inst;

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

16. July 1864

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official.

Please increase immediately my balance with the Assistant Treasurer at New York to meet my checks in payment for silver purchases

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon: James C. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

16 July 75

Sir;

You are hereby authorized to carry out the suggestions made by Prof. Booth in the accompanying letter

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Mr Sam L Stevens
Plumber

16. July 5

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that Edward A. Stern having been removed, his name will be dropped from the rolls after the [illegible] inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Wm R Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

16: July 85

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst, enclosing Copies of the Circular of the Post master General in relation to telegraphic service during the fiscal year 1886.

All bills will be made to conform to the rates fixed therein before being paid

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

16: July 5

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby make official :-
Are there any blank forms for the reports of daily shipments of standard silver dollars required by your letter of the fifteenth instant? If not shall I have some printed here?

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

C. N. Jordan
Treasurer United States
Washington
D.C.

16: July 5

Sir,

George W. Dell, Laborer in the General Department having been removed his name will be dropped from the Rolls after the 9th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Dan'l McFox
Superintendent

Hon. James D. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

4th Mo. 16th 1880

Received of Fox & Poulson per purchased by the

Clark, Dodge & Co

per letter of advice,

dated 9th inst 1880

Pieces Weighed oz. 105.963.40

Piece Weight oz. 105.750.15

Value @ $1.07.15 per oz. fine, $ 113.315.37

Superintendent.

16. July 5

Sir,

Your services will not be required in this Mint on and after the 13th inst.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Superintendent

Mr Edward S. Stott
Laborer

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

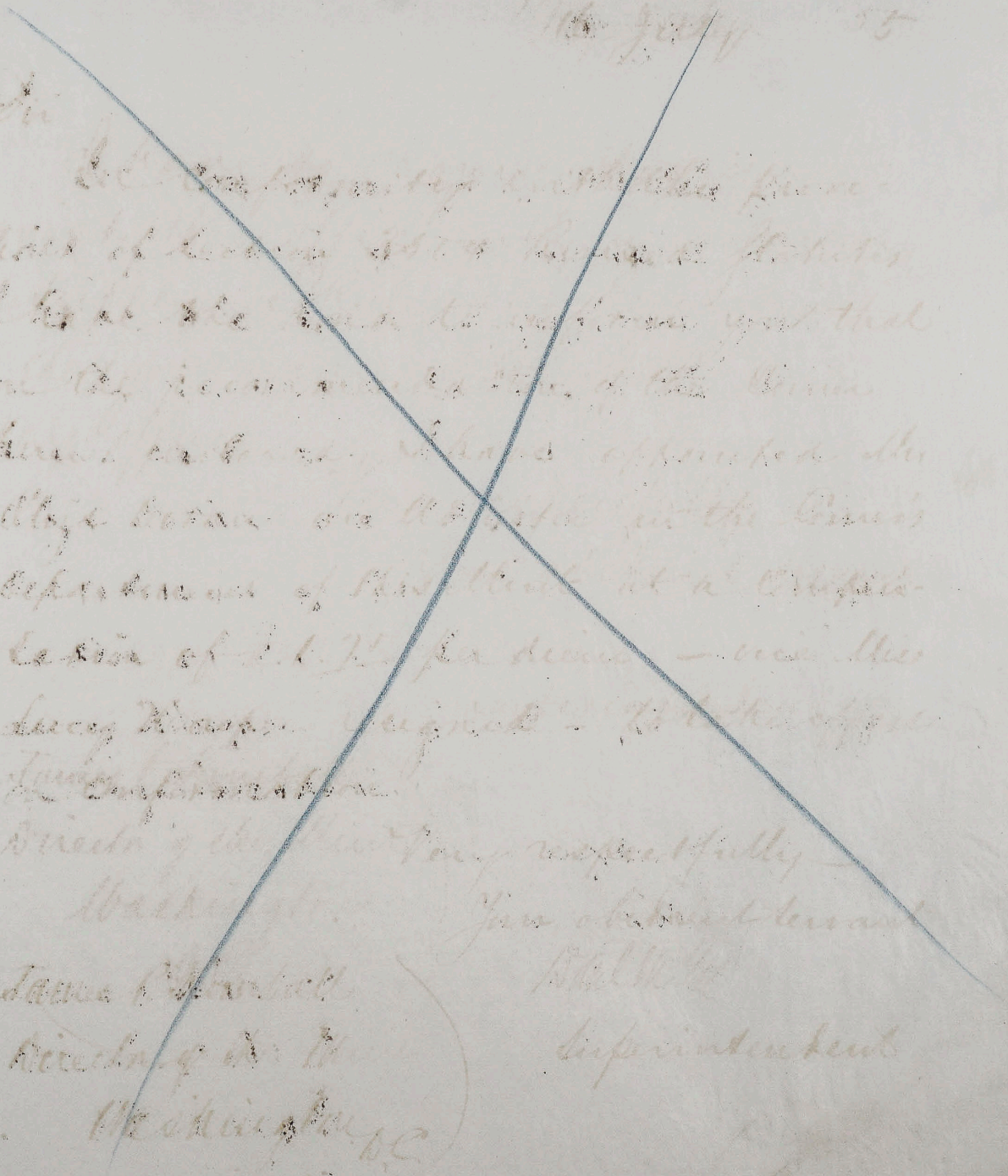
16 July 1865

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of Section 3684 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner herein enclosed, I have appointed Mr Eliza Doran an Adjuster in the Coiner's department of this Mint at a compensation of $1.75 per diem, — vice Miss Lucy Harper resigned — to take effect on confirmation

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.



17: July 5

Sir;

I have to request that you furnish this Office with an additional supply of Rules and Regulations for the governance of the Mints and Assay offices.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. D. Wilson
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

17: July 5

Sir;

I have the hon. to transmit State-
ment of Silver purchased here for the 1st. &
the 15th. inst.,

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

17: July 5

Sir;

The following telegram sent to you this day is hereby made official

Has my balance been increased? If not wire me as soon as a transfer is made

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon Thomas C Acton
U.S. Assistant Treas:
New York
N.Y.

17: July 5

Sir,

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

Your favor of sixteenth at hand, relative to visit contemplated for Monday. It will give me pleasure to join you at the time mentioned

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Dallas McFarland
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

17: July 1880

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Melter & Refiner's Report of bullion melting in this department for the month ending 30th June

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Edwd McFee
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7th Mo. 17th 85

4849	Fourth Nat. Bank	12220.36
4848	Handy & Smith	29168.89

And enclose Cancelled
Checks Nos 4846 & 4847—

7th Mo. 18th 5

4850	Handy & Lemis	38.000/
4851	Fourth Nat. Bank N.Y.	7845 33

Supervising Inspector.

18: July 1[illegible]

Sir

Your Services will not be requir-
-d in this Mint after to day

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Mr William Chapman
Melter

18: July 5

Sir;

William Chapman, a Melter
in the Melter & Refiner's Department
having been removed his name will
be dropped from the rolls after this day

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

18: July 8

Sir;

In the interests of humanity, as well as of the Government, I am constrained to ask your permission to modify - without affecting the result, - the severity of the pressure upon the female operatives in the Coupon department during the excessive heat of the season, which in this City is periodically more intolerable than strangers to our climate, realize until they have experienced it. There are 84 ladies in close quarters in our imperfectly ventilated adjusting room, who have been working thus far this month, from 8 a.m.

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to 8 p.m. The heat yesterday in that room, was 91° in the morning, 96° in the afternoon, rising to 100° in the evening.

There are also about 25 ladies employed in the Coining room from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m. in a temperature ranging from 90° to 93°. (In the melting, rolling, and cleaning rooms where only men are employed the heat ranges from 115° to 130°.) One of the adjusters gave out 2 days ago and had to be taken home, and this morning one of the ladies in the Coining room, fainted from

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the Lead and went into Convulsions, and was removed to her residence in a prostrate condition.

In order to get the allotments of silver dollars for the current month, I fear I shall be obliged next week to hold the Adjusters to their work till 10 p.m. though it seems to me there will be those among them who will hardly be able to stand it. There are limits to the power of physical endurance on the part of the sex, willing and anxious as they are to meet the requirements of the service. In this

emergency, I respectfully ask permission to appoint temporary Adjusters, - to be retired when the pressure is over - to come in at 4 p.m. and remain until 10 p.m., at the same rate of Compensation for this overwork only as the regular Adjusters would have received, and thus relieve the latter from the strain of overtime work. By this plan the operating expenses would not be increased.

I am informed that this was done some three years ago and met a like emergency.

The Margin for tolerance in the

weight of coins is so very small and the consequences of any maladjustment, when ascertained, so very grave, under the last clause of section 3547, of the Revised Statutes, that it is of the utmost importance that our adjusters should be in good physical and mental condition for correct and reliable work from the beginning to the end of the duty. I shall be glad to have telegraphic notice of your decision in the matter, whatever the same may be.

I enclose copy of a communication on the subject from the Coiner.

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I should add that the number of female operatives was reduced in April last by the discharge of 10, whose places have not since been filled.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7th Mo. 20th 5

4852	Handy & Commie	37.657.81
4853	J B Colgate & Co.	16.048.67
4854	South Hall & Janvay	6.746.53
4855	J. Walsh & Son	2.732.37

July 20th 6

Sir

I beg to enclose herewith the following bids received for sweeps offered for Sale.

E. Balbach and Son Newark N.J. #3691/89. Wollstein and Bien N.Y. #3670. Howard & Möhle N.Y. #3553. A W Skean & Son N.Y. #3456. L. F. Grosselmire Newark N.J. #332.

The bid of E. Balbach & Son being the highest, I respectfully recommend its acceptance and approval,

Please return the bids at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Asst Mint
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Sir

I beg to inform you that the following bids received for coin offered for sale.

Allotment of Gold Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint from Fourth Nat'l Bank

See letter of advice.

Coinage of Gold 1885

Fine Weight	oz.	53.482.95
Base Weight	oz.	53.216.83
Value @ 1.072	per oz. fine. $	57.048.44

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Superintendent.

Hon. James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

7th Mo. 20th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint from J. B. Colgate & Co.

per letter of advice,

dated 9th inst 1885

Fineness Wt. in ozs. 32.420.11

Fine Wt. ozs. 30.241.71

@ Value $1.0715 per oz. fine $32.403.99

Superintendent.

20: July 5

Sir;

Miss Sallie E. Davis, an Assistant in the Couriers Department having resigned her name will be dropped from the rolls after this date;

Very respectfully
your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

A. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

20: July 5

Sir:

Remittance No. 12 of Gold Bullion from your office has been received as per letter of advice and memo. of June 30th

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Sprenille Braden Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Boise City
Idaho

20: July 5

Sir;

Remittance of Gold Bullion from your office, No. 13 has been received as per letter of advice and memo. of the 8th inst.,

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Sprville Braden Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Boise City
Idaho

20: July 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Mrs. Eliza Dorau, recently appointed Adjuster in the Assays Department of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

20: July 5

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of additional table of distances governing the payment for shipments of standard dollars

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esqr
Acting Director U.S. Mint
Washington
D.C.

7th Mo. 21st 5

1856 Handy & Comise 5% 847.52

Wm. M. Fox

21. July 5

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official.

Please send me a dozen more sheets for the Biennial Register; Also a Copy of the last Biennial Register

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Paul N. Haw
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21: July 65

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

Is not Transfer Order number two twenty, five thousand dollars Gold coin for Naugatuck, National Bank, Connecticut, in error in requiring us to deduct express age from the remittance. Was not an old form used in mistake?

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Dan'l McFox
Superintendent

Hon C. N. Jordan
Treasurer United States
Washington
D C.

Mint at the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICE

July 21st 1885

Sir

The following is a statement of the gold deposited at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa., during the month of June 1885, the aggregate amount of Silver

1,385.908.785
63.781 - Fine
1.616 - Lo. Co.

771.641.575
12.954.336

Superintendent.

Jas P. Kimball

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

July 22nd 1885

Sir

I beg to enclose herewith bill of Messrs Partrick and Carter for $85 being for expenses incurred during my term as Superintendent of the Mint, payable from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the fiscal year ended June 30 1885.

Please forward draft for the same to their address

Very Respectfully

Louis Morris

late Superintendent

Hon J. P Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington. D.C.

7th Mo. 22d 5

4857	Hanway & Comie	12.027.66
4858	Fourth Nat. Bank NY	18.167.48

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

22 July 1880

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of Section 3507 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner herein enclosed I have appointed the following named ladies temporary adjusters in this Mint at a Compensation of $1 per diem to take effect on confirmation

Mrs Theresa McCarty
Mrs Mary E Megargee
Miss Bertha Cahn
Miss Mary E Hall
Miss Louisa Gibbons
Miss Annie Friechtner
Miss Sadie L. Carson

Miss Maude Palmer
Miss Clarissa A. Roberts
Miss Lidie J. Power
Mrs Kate A. Bowen
Mrs Elizabeth Attman
Mrs Lizzie B. Price

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

22: July 5

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform (to inform) you that on the recommendation of the Circles herein enclosed, I have appointed Miss McConochie, daughter of the late Col. Ringgold, an assistant in this Mint - vice Miss Sallie E Davis resigned; at a Compensation of $1 75 per diem, to take effect on confirmation.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

23. July 65

Sir;

On the 30th April last, ten Operatives were discharged by my immediate predecessor under general instructions from the Department to make some reduction in the operative force of this Mint so far as the same could then be done without detriment to the service.

Since an reduction into the requirements of the service for the issues of silver dollars have been so increased as to demand the greatest effort of the female employés to accomplish their part of the work. Under your direction I am endeavoring to meet all emergencies

by selecting a number of Artificers for temporary service to be limited to the present work, but so far I have not succeeded in obtaining such a number of persons as will relieve effectually the regular Operators, because of the uncertainty in the tenure of their position.

In this state of the case I beg to suggest that in addition to the Men that I have obtained for temporary employment I may be permitted to bring to force up to the demands of the service by appointing ten regular Artificers in place of those who were discharged in April last. If more than this

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if at any time in the future the number of Adjusters could again be reduced at the discretion of the Department

Very respectfully—
Your obedient Servant
A. L. Hough
Superintendent

Hon James A. Kanbak
Director the Mint
Washington—
D.C.

23. June 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following statements for the months of May and June last:

Deposits and Purchases of Gold & Silver Bullion;
Bullion of Domestic production deposited here;
Bars manufactured

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James C. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 23rd 6

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made Official.

"Weekly Statements called for in letter of yesterday shows only amount of silver disbursed during month, omitting balance on hand, Answer by wire promptly"

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

23. July 5

Sir,

Occasionally - as was the case to day - I am requested by employés to give them leave of absence to perform some public duty under the State laws. The permission asked for now is for leave to perform military duty in the Pennsylvania National Guard under the Act of Assembly ordering Military Encampments for the period of one week.

I have granted the request in two cases, in which the parties asking, occupy positions, the duties of which would not be neglected by reason of their absence, two others of the Clerks agreeing to attend to their work.

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In these cases I have had it understood that they are not to be paid for the time they render no service. But one of the parties is on annual salary and the other upon the per diem roll, and I respectfully desire instruction, from the Department, as to whether I am correct (in the course I have adopted) in directing the suspension of the pay of a salaried officer or clerk. I ask this for a precedent by which I may be guided in the future

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Wm H Ross
Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

22 July 5

Sir

In compliance with your request I return the envelope addressed to "Ed. J. Herr 267 Chester St. Philad" with the information that the number "267" is in the Directory, and is given as the residence of Edward Herr

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Gen Henry L. Kundekoper

Postmaster

Philad

July 23d

No. 32 Ch. Gen. 20
Pl. 502. Shelf
Box - Loose

Pam. Mar 746
94.258. Pam

Geo. D. Kimball.

23. July 5

Sir

In Conformity with the provisions of Section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner herein endorsed, I have appointed the following named ladies temporary adjusters in this Mint, at a Compensation of $1 75 per diem, to take effect on Confirmation :-

Miss Emma M. Magee
Miss Bessie Walsh
Mrs Lucy S. Price
Mrs Jane M. Healy
Miss Luna C. Gibson

Miss Lucy A. Brown
Mrs Sarah Jane Connell
Miss Laura Carroll
Miss Clara L. Messick
Mrs Emma J. Horne
Miss Annie Shafer
Mrs Mame Beidelman

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
W. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

24: July 5th

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: No. 1150 — in duplicate — of Gold Bullion Deposit for remittance No. 13, received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of 5th inst.

Very respectfully

Supt

Supt

Mr Spaulding Braden

Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office

Boise City

Idaho

24 July 5

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo: No. 1160 of Gold Bullion, for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Boise City to be transferred to the Bullion fund of this Mint;

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Weld M Hoff
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

24: July 5

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:—
Please send me copy of your two letters of yesterday about certain reports. Originals mislaid

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. L. McTish
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

24: July 5

Sir,

In conformity with the provisions of Section 3584 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner herein enclosed I have appointed the following ladies as Temporary Adjusters in this Mint at a compensation of $1 per diem to take effect from confirmation:-

Mrs Cecelia W. Root
Miss Mary E. Clark
Miss Lucy A. Brown
Miss Cecelia Toon
+ Mrs Ellen G. Wharton

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

of 4th Mo. 24th 5

4859	Handy & Lennie	40.509.23
4860	Fourth Nat'l Bank Mg.	40.461.—
4861	Fourth Nat'l Bank Mg. for Mo. J. Warner Mundell Treas'r &c	40.697.41

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Feb. 24th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Fourth Nat. Bank New York per letter of advice, dated 7/15 1885

Fineness Weight,	49.946.	44
Pure Weight,	49.884.	93
Value @ 1.0705	per oz. fine $53.380.	93

Nath Patterson

Superintendent.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

7th Mo. 24th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint, from Handy & Fowler, New York per letter of advice, 15th inst 1885

Fineness 900 gs. 200.954. 76

Fine Weight, 200.476. 11

Value @ 1.10735 per oz. fine, $ 215.211. 11

Superintendent

July 24th 5

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 20. inst, I herewith return my letter to you of the 15th inst. and its enclosed report of Medals Manufactured at this Mint, during the fiscal year ending June 30. 1885, accompanied now by a corrected statement for that year as a substitute.

202 bronze Medals are included in the new Statement that were inadvertently omitted from the first report sent you, which were struck by order of Director Burchard for the Smithsonian Institute and ordered in March 1884, but not delivered until Sept. to the Superintendent; both entries being on opposite pages of the book in the previous

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previous
fiscal year, hence the omission

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Saml M Ford
Superintendent

Hon Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

24: July 5

Sir;

Mrs. Aimée L. Warfield, an Adjuster in this Mint having resigned, her name will be dropped from the rolls after the 20th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. M. McFox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 25th 5

Sir

I am in receipt of a remittance of Gold Bullion from the United States Assay Office St Louis Mo, for Coinage on Government account, and transfer to the United States Bullion Fund.

Mr Jewett the Assayer in charge advises me that in this Special case he had no funds to prepay the Express charges thereon. As the Express Agent here is requesting payment, and having no appropriation for such expenses, I will thank you to advise me what action I shall take in the matter.

Very Respectfully

Hon J. P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

Superintendent

July 25th 5

Sir

I herewith respectfully enclose your letter advising me of Purchases of Silver Bullion, in order that the data may be inserted.

Please return the same to me at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
D. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

25. July 65

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No. 1164 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Boise City to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James R. Kimball
Director the Mint
Washington
D.C.

25 July 5

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 13th. inst. I have the honor to report that at noon on the 21st. inst. I opened the bids, five in number, that had been received for the purchase of the 6,578 lbs. condemned Spelter, in response to my advertisement in the "Times" and "Record". The highest bid was 3 99/100 cents per pound, which was accepted, and I herewith enclose D/S of this date No. 6337 from the Ass't. Treas. U. S. this City for $233.27 the amount of the purchase money

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Mon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

25 July 5

Sir;

In Conformity with the provisions of Section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Comm. herein enclosed I have appointed the following named ladies Temporary Adjusters in this Dist at a Compensation of $1 2/- per diem to take effect on Confirmation:-

Miss Clara L. Hunted
Mrs. Theresa Arnold
Mrs Elizabeth R. Secker
Mrs Anna E. Coryell
Miss Gertrude B. Allen
Miss Annie F. Allen

Mrs Elizabeth M. Laws

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

25: July 5

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of Sec. 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Comer herein enclosed I have appointed Mrs Sarah J Tomlinson, an Adjuster in this Mint at a compensation of $1.25 per diem, to take effect on Confirmation

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

25: July 5

Sir

Herewith I enclose Memo: No 1164 — in duplicate — of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No 12 received from your office

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Spruille Braden Esq.
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Boise City
Idaho

25. July 65

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 24th inst., relating to the subject of increase of the number of adjusters to assist at this Institution - as it stood prior to the discharge in April last;

and also observe your suggestion with regard to arrangement to equalize the burden of the service - which shall receive my careful attention

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
D. Mc Cox
Superintendent

Hon. James T. Kimball
Director of the Blind
Washington
D.C.

27: July 5

Sir

In reply to your suggestion of this date you are authorized to try the Orford Crucibles with those of the other manufacturers named. It will be satisfactory to them and enable you to decide exactly what they may be worth for our purposes.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

James A. Booth Esqr
Melter & Refiner

27. July 1

Sir

The pressure of other duties has prevented an earlier acknowledgement of your letter of the 3rd inst. courteously transmitting for my examination the schedule of proposals for supplies needed for the service of this institution during the current fiscal year, and the awards made thereon by my predecessor in office and inviting any comments and recommendations I may have to make with regard to them.

The Coinage of a Country is one of the highest acts of Sovereignty and any

observations thus far confirm my own impression, and the testimony of our operative officers, that in the delicate and exceedingly important chemical and mechanical operations of a Government establishment like this, the quality and fitness of its supplies are of the first importance; and the lowest proposal made cannot properly be regarded as the most economical, if there be any defect or superiority in quality or fitness for their intended uses. Low prices are not necessarily cheapness. Quality should be considered first and price afterwards. The quality once determined

a fair market price is the next consideration. To secure both objects is my understanding of the intention of the law which directs proposals to be invited that good quality and fair price may be secured by public competition. This result does not always follow, however, in practice; and the exercise of a large discretion in acting on proposals, which the express terms of the advertisement permits, may very often be necessary. And I am informed this has been the experience of this Bank, in years past.

From this standpoint I have given

the proposals and awards in this instance, as careful consideration as circumstances permitted, and have arrived at the conclusion that the awards made by my predecessor (under the limitations and conditions which he has specified, especially with regard to Fusible and melting Coal, are judicious in themselves and not unjust to bidders. The only reservation I would make is with regard to Borax Soap. Upon inspection, and from the reported experience of the Coins in former years, I am of the impression that the Borax Soap offered by Francis Conway's Sons is not

the best for our use, and although lower in price is not as cheap as the No. 1, Perry Soap offered by Gustav Ho. Dorst, and which I learn he has furnished to the Mint under contract for several years past to the special satisfaction of the Department using it. I would prefer, if agreeable to you, that the award to Farnways Sons should not be approved until a fair trial by actual use, which I have directed, has been made, and a report of the result submitted.

I herewith return the schedule and awards, I have also had prepared

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and herewith enclose a comparative table of Mint prices for supplies for the fiscal years 1884, 1885, and 1886,

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Saml. W. Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

27: July 5

Sir,

A communication of the Melter & Refiner a Copy of which is herewith enclosed, brings up the question of temporary absences, whether from sickness or otherwise, and I respectfully refer the matter to you for decision.

These absences have been regulated hitherto by Sections 5 on page 23 of the Instructions and Regulations for the Transactions of Business, and it has been customary to allow half pay in cases of sickness and actual incapacity for a period not exceeding

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2 weeks, each case being governed by its own circumstances. It has been customary to allow very brief absences under some pressing necessity without deduction for the short period of time consumed. Shall I continue the practice as heretofore or be governed by some new standard?

Please advise me at your earliest convenience

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Wm Chas Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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27: July 5

Sir;

In Conformity with the provisions of section 3594 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Comm herein named I have appointed the following ladies Temporary Adjusters in the Coin department of this Mint at a Compensation of $1.75 per diem to take effect upon Confirmation.

Miss Sallie Starley
Miss Kate L Marshall
Miss Henrietta Levi
Miss Clara Greene

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A M Clapp
Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

July 21st 1885

Approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the Mint

1.312.533.045

10.000 Troy oz
3.343 Coke

1.049.873.275

15.570.466

Geo. P. Kimball

Superintendent.

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July 29th

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made Official.

"Was any silver brought from Wardy and Ironside last week, I have no advices and they are delivering. Please wire answer."

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

P.S. Since telegraphing the above, the notice has come to hand

28. July 5

Sir;

On the recommendation of the Comm herein enclosed, I have the honor to inform you that in conformity with the provisions of section 3564 Revised Statutes, I have appointed the following Ladies Temporary Adjusters in this Mint at a compensation of $1 75 per diem ~~Each~~ effect from Confirmation:

Miss Mary J. Stille
Miss Helen Haffelfinger
Miss Jane McKeed

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
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Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

28. July 5

Sir

A new edition of the circular of proof coins and medals for sale of this Mint is required by necessary additions, and a change of officers. I enclose one of the few old circulars left with the addition of the Grover Cleveland Presidential Medal, 61 d, added at the foot of the first Column of medals, and an interlineation in paragraph 4, on the first page, and the names of the new officers at the bottom.

I also enclose a proof copy of the new circular for your examination, under section 3557 of the Revised Statutes,

and paragraphs 1 and 2 on page 13 of the Regulations.

Though an inadvertence the amended circular went to the printer instead of first to you, as was, of course, intended, but the work has not proceeded further than correcting the proofs, and the circulars will not be printed until they have your official approval which I should be much gratified to receive as soon as may be convenient.

Applications by mail for information contained in the circular are frequent and I am waiting for the circulars to answer some of the letters

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now on hand

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
D. E. Mottet
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

20. July 5

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Mrs Sarah J. Boardman recently appointed Adjutress in the Female Department of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A.B. Mc Ilvaine
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

28: July 5

Sir;

For the reasons stated in the enclosed copy of a communication of yesterday from the Melter and Refiner we have 17 Carboys of aqua fortis on hand for which we have no use and it is desirable to dispose of it in some way to give us the room it occupies and to return the packages to the owners.

The Aqua fortis could be sold as old material or as the Melter & Refiner believes could be exchanged or equitably thrown from other acids. The latter & cheapest would be the most convenient and advantageous arrangement but ~~without~~ defer

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taking any action on the subject.

I report the facts for your consideration and respectfully wait such instructions as you may think proper

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Wm. H. Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7th Mo. 28th 5

4863	Fourth Nat. Bank NY	25.352 44
4864	National Bank of the Republic, Dc	3.089 51
4865	Handy & Cronin	48.000 --

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

July 28th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from J. Wadsworth Son New York per letter of advice, dated 8th inst 1885

Gross Weight, oz. 13183.30

Fine Weight, oz. 11.925.38

Value @ $1.0710 per oz. fine. $12.772.01

Superintendent

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in other book

29 July 5

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of Sect. 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Comer herein endorsed, I have appointed the following ladies Temporary Adjusters in this Mint at a Compensation of $1 75 per diem to take effect on Confirmation:

Miss Mary McDonough
Miss Emily R. Arnold

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. L. Mint
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

29 July 5

Sir;

I have the honor to report that a thorough trial has been made of the Borax Soap offered by Francis Conway's Sons at seven (7) Cents per pound and it will not answer our purpose. The planchets & blanks cleaned with it are left in an unfit condition for further use. The Borax Soap No 1, offered by Gustav. A. Boyer at 10 cents per lb. which we are now using, gives entire satisfaction, and has done so - I am informed - for several years past. It becomes my duty therefore in justice to the Mint Service to recommend that the award to Conway's Sons for Borax

Loaf for the current fiscal year be disapproved,
and the contract awarded to Sustan & Bond

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Mint Supt.
Superintendent

Hon. Horace P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

30 July 5

Sir,

We are about making up our pay rolls for the month of July – my first month.

My attention has been called to a practice here upon which I wish instruction. In case of absence by reason of sickness I am informed that in one of the departments, at least, it has been customary to pay one day full, and the other days of absence, half time. I hesitate about following that custom without instructions

I would be glad to receive an

early answer

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
D. W. C. Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Mo: July 5

Sir;

I have received a letter from Col. Preston - Hon James P. Kimball - under date July 24th which among other matters, states that the coinage of silver dollars will for some time to come be from 1.500.000 to 1.800.000 per month and it contains the following paragraph, to wit:-

" It is suggested that the working time " of the Operators be divided equally as " far as practicable between those who " day work and those who perform night " work: and that those who do night work " be assigned to day work the next week, " so as to fully equalize the burden of service".

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This applies to the two forces, the permanent force as well as the temporary force of Agitators and I commend this suggestion to you in order that the views of the Director may be carried out.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

William S. Hall Esq
Comm

30 : July 5

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that Miss Anna B. Zeller having resigned her name will be dropped from the rolls after July 31st

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Zeller
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

30 July 5

Sir;

In reply to your communication of the 29th inst. I beg to say that the application of the name of Silas Brown has been discovered, but a few more unavoidable errors in the exact names of the applicants, having crept in, and which were only discovered on the presentation of their oaths - it was thought best to have the correction of all done, till the preparation of the letter transmitting said oaths of office to your Department.

Have the kindness to consider this a notification of the fact that Silas Brown's name was sent down to you on

the 24th. and that her name is "Lucia" et. Brown, and not "Lucy".

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Secretary of the Interior
Washington
D.C.

30: July 5

Sir;

I beg to state that the bars in the May and June reports specified in your letter of the 28th ult., were fine bars; and the (Silver) "Coin transfers" in the June report were light and uncurrent U. S. Coins received from the Treasurer of the United States. Our weigh Clerk suggests that some new forms with more room for the redeposits, and to meet the new requirements of the Bureau is desirable The forms we have are old

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. M. Fox
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

January 10th

Sir

As requested in your letter of the 27th inst I forward herewith Forms No 193-882 respectively, for the Months of June 1917 closing the Term of Office of Prof. Frederick Col A. Gordon Brooks.

These statements have been withheld pending the settlement of the question of the Melting and Refining Silver Wastage, for which instructions were requested from the Director in my letter of the 13th inst.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
A. Willcox
Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington DC

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

7th Mo. 30th, 1885.

Sir.

I draw this day check—

No 4866, favor Harvey & Cowie, for $ 15,963 50/100

" 4867, " Bank Nat Banks, " $ 411 45/100

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

[Ed. 7-25-82. 3000]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

July 30th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion for purchase under the Director of the Mint from Harvey & Co New York

per letter of advice dated 7/25 1885

Standard Weight:	oz. 100.000	2d
Fine Weight:	oz. 90.000	28
Price @ $1.075	per oz. fine	$ 100.195.72

Stella Wolfe

Superintendent

July 30 5

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt to-day by the Adams Express Co. of one set of United States Standard coin weights specified in your letter of the 29th inst. and furnished in compliance with the request of the late Superintendent under date of Febuary 13th 1885.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Dan'l M'Clintock
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

July 30th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Fourth Nat'l Bank New York per letter of advice dated 15th inst 1885

Troy ounce Weight,	oz.	21772.10
Fine Weight,	oz.	20505.84
Value @ 1.079	per oz. fine,	$22.022.02

Superintendent.

30: July 5

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner herein endorsed, I have appointed Mrs Mary Donahoe a Temporary Adjuster in this Mint at a Compensation of $1 75 per diem, to take effect on Confirmation

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
E. Mc Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

July 30th 1885.

I have the honor to inform you that the approximate amount of Silver Dollars on hand at the date

1,231,869,826

24,697 - Trade
849 - Proof

of this letter is five ounces, gross ounces, unassayed.

The amount of "Standard Silver Dollars" of

Treasury melt fees

Domestic and exported

1,130,032,771

21,172,172

five ounces,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Hon. Chas. F. Kimball,

Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

Superintendent.

31: July 5

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

"Last delivery by Comer of Standard Silver Dollars made this morning, thus completing our quota for the current month"

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Linderman
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

31. July 5

Sir;

I beg to inform you that H. C. Hickok, whose signature is hereto attached, is my Chief Clerk, and as such, is authorized under Section 3502 Revised Statutes to sign all Checks, drafts, and official Correspondence, during my temporary absence

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon Thomas C. Acton
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York
N.Y.

31: July 5

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the Coiner's report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the Month ending this day

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

31st July 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following coins received for special assay from the deliveries of the Mints during the current month:-

9 Standard Dollars

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

A Mc Boyd

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball

Director of the Mints

Washington

D.C.

31st July 65

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that Miss Maggie Oliver and Miss Matilda Bean, Adjuters in the Couriers Department having resigned, their names will be dropped from the Rolls after this date

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
W. C. Wood
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(86—A)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

July 31st, 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 4815, favor Fourth Nat'l Bank, N.Y. for $ —

" — " — " " $ 10825.16

" 4869. " Handy & Harman " " $ 5344.47

" — " — " " $ —

" — " — " " $ —

" — " — " " $ —

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

H C Hooker
Asst
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 7-28-85. 1000]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

7th Mo. 31st 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Fourth National Bank, New York per letter of advice, date 24th inst 1885

Fineness Weight, ... oz. 51.291.10

Fine Weight, ... oz. 51.231.19

Value @ $1.07.10 per oz. fine, $55.073.53

H C Hanks
Acting Superintendent.

1: Aug^r 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit memos. Nos. 1184 and 1185, of Gold Bullion being for remittances received from the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Chas. D. Jewett Esq
Assayer in Chg U.S. Assay Office
St. Louis
Mo

1 Aug 5

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge
packages of Memo. of Gold Bullion. #42
Requisitions for fine Gold Bars #263
Abstract Clerk's Receipts # 143
Memo. Silver Bullion deposited # 44

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1st August 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Memos: Nos 1184 & 1185, of Gold Bullion being for remittances received from the U.S. Assay Office at St. Louis to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1. August 1865

Sir

Miss Annie Noble, an Adjuster in this Mint having resigned her name will be dropped from the rolls after the 31st July, ults

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

(36—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Sept. 1st, 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No. 4870, favor J. B. Colgate & Co., for $ 22067 76

" ", " ", " $

" ", " ", " $

" ", " ", " $

" ", " ", " $

" ", " ", " $

" ", " ", " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 5-28-85. 1000]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

8th Mo. 1st 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion deposited by the Director of the Mint from J. B. Colgate & Co.

for Refining.

Date 7/24 1885

Fine oz Weight,	oz.	22.189.72
Fine Weight,	oz.	20.528.45
Value @ 1.075	per oz. fine	$ 22.067.76

Superintendent.

August 1st

Sir

The Melter and Refiner has made requisition upon me for 20.000 pounds Copper for Gold and Silver Alloyage.

William Keyser. Baltimore Md, Successor to Pope Cole and Co, Offer me the amounts Specially prepared for our use at ten and a half (10½) cents per pound delivered free of expense.

Nathan Trotter & Co of this City propose to furnish at at Eleven (11) cents per pound, but I am not certain as to the quality.

The Copper so required for immediate use. With your Approval I propose to accept Mr Keyser Offer. Please write me instructions on Monday.

Very

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm Clark
Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

J. K. V.

Philada, Penna.
July 31st 5

31st July 5

2.630.120.00

12.392.161.69
79.929.20
24.420.00

$15.126.630.89.

H. Linderman
Asst.

Superintendent.

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

8th Mo. 3d 1885.

Sir

I draw this day check—

No 4871, favor Fourth Nat. Bank for $11,972.97

" 4872, " Handy & Commie " $21,826.89

" 4873, " Clark, Dodge & Co " $27,841.99

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am very respectfully,

W. H. M. Hoe

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

[Fb. 7928-85. 300]

Sir:

Remittance No. 21 of Gold Bullion from your office has been received, as per letter of advice and memo: of the 31st. ultmo.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Mr Calvin T. Cowles
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

3: Augt 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit statement of Silver purchased here from July 16th to July 31st.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Supt

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 5

Sir,

Remittance No 27 of Gold Bullion from your office has been received as per letter of advice and means: of the 31st ult.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Eliot C. Jewett Esq.
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
St. Louis
Mo

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Aug 3d 1895

1.152.570.Fwd
407-Spanish
101-Local

57.449.252

Your obedient servant,

Chas. P. Kimball,

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

Supervising

(P.S. No. 33—50)

2: August 5

Sir

In Conformity with the provisions of section 3564 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner herein enclosed, I have appointed :-

Miss Catharine Donelly & Miss Kate Plaell Temporary Adjusters in this Mint at a Compensation of $1.75 per diem, to take effect on confirmation and respectfully submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Phil M Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 4th 1

Sir

The Acting Director of the Mint under date of the 3rd inst, having decided that I should treat the 9 platten Silver Bars abstracted from your Department, as a balance of Silver bullion still in the hands of the Melter and Refiner, until a definite settlement of the matter has been made, please furnish me at once with the numbers, Weights and fineness of each bar in order that I may comply with the Order of the Department, without delay

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Prof. Jas. B. Booth
Melter & Refiner

4: August 5

Sir;

Enclosed please find copy of a report from our Melter and Refiner of the unfavorable result of his trial of the Coal for melting purposes which Mr. A. Elcock proposed to supply during the present fiscal year. Nineteen tons were used in the trial and its unfitness demonstrated

I recommend that Mr. Cooks proposal be rejected, and that the contract for the current fiscal year be awarded to the next lowest bidder, George B. Newton & Co at $5 30/100 per ton. I have stopped the use of the Cook Coal and ordered Coal from Newton & Co. to keep us going until I

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am advised of your final action on the proposals, and hope my action will meet your approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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(86—6)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

8th mo. 4th 1845.

Sir,

I draw this day check

No. 1794. favor Jenkinson & Riley for $ 7345.54

1795. " Henry & Comer $ 10000.—

$

$

$

$

on Assignment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

Superintendent.

Chas. Wm. Thomas Esq. U. S.

New York

Ex. 28-5th 100

August 4th 1880

Sir

Replying to your letter of yesterday explaining the purport of that of the 29th ult., relative to the Melter and Refiner's Silver Wastage for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1880, I have to respectfully request that the balance Sheets (form 208) and Statement No 193 forwarded on the 30th. ult., be returned to this Mint, in order that the amounts taken up therein as Wastage may be restated, to conform to the directions given in your letter of yesterday.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

4: August 8

Sir;

I duly received your letter of the 2d inst. directing a further examination and inspection of the vaults and rooms contiguous thereto in the new Post Office building with reference to their proper occupancy for the Executive Department of the Mint, and the storage of Standard Silver dollars.

The press of other duties and the absence in another State - through domestic affliction - of my Cashier, whose opinion I desired to have, has delayed my answer.

Upon the receipt of your telegram this morning, in company with the Cashier and

Book keeper & to day made a examination of the premises, and have respectfully to report that the expense of altering the vaults to suit the proposed storage, is estimated to be —— day from $800. to $1,000.- and from twelve to eighteen millions of Standard silver dollars could be stored in them; but they should be under the Constant and vigilant guardianship of spirited men as watchmen. If time-locks are used four watchmen would be sufficient, otherwise there should be six men by night and three by day. Less would not be sufficient. The rooms adjoining the vaults would furnish very Commodious and desirable quarters

for the Executive department of the Mint if it could be detached from manufacturing functions, which after careful Consideration I do not find to be practicable. They are so intimately connected, that I do not see where or how the line of separation could be made and the operations of the Mint conducted without an augmentation of working force and expenses and danger of a measurable loss of efficiency in the operative departments. The only remedy that I can see for our cramped quarters and lack of facilities would be the addition of a third story and the extension of the Mint Building to the line of the streets on the North

and South fronts.

Upon the presumption that the specu-
-tive portions of the Mint service may remain
where they are, and the vaults at the Post
Office be used for the storage of Coin, a
question of some delicacy arises, but of suf-
-ficient importance to myself to justify me
in respectfully submitting it for your con-
-sideration. The Mint is a Coinage institu-
-tion operated under the Mint laws and
for minting purposes, and is not a sub-
treasury per se, and when its bullion
fund - as is now the case - has swollen
to an amount so far beyond the wants
that it was intended to meet, is not the

proper remedy, a transfer of the idle surplus direct to the United States Treasury, which, it seems to me, would be the proper custodian, and not throw upon the Superintendent of the Mint an extraneous responsibility not contemplated by the spirit of the laws under which the Mint is operated, by making him responsible for the safe keeping of Coinage operated and transferred to points outside of the Mint proper. That is, if the Mint's Steel vaults are used for the storage of Coins not needed in the Mint, & used for Mint purposes, should not their custody be at once transferred to the Assistant

Treasurer of the United States in this City,
who is, by virtue of his office, a custodian
of the public funds of Government funds, and not
charged with other conflicting duties.

In candidly presenting these views
with regard to the situations, you will not
misunderstand me as desiring to shrink from
official duty, or to do otherwise than yield
prompt and cheerful obedience to any in-
structions from any superior officer.

I enclose in this communication
three affidavits from the Cashier, the Book keeper,
and any Chief Clerk, respectively, which are

herewith submit for your consideration

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Wm H Ferr

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

P.S. I have just received a letter on this subject from the Assistant Treasurer in this City, a copy of which I enclose also.

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5 Aug 5

Sir;

Please report in writing the number of Springfield Rifles and Rifle Ball Cartridges in your possession, and how long you have had them;

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Capt Banks
Night Watch

5. Aug. 5

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

"Please increase any balance with the Assistant Treasurer at New York immediately, to meet checks on account of silver purchases."

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

Supt

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

5. Augt 5

Sir,

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at New Orleans

Two Half Eagle Dies – Obverse

Two " " " – Reverse

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Chas E. Dudley Esq
Depy

5. Aug 5

Sir

The number of Standard Silver Dollars required to be coined by this Mint during the current month is 1.800.000

Very respectfully

Superintendent

J. C. Booth Esq
Melted & Refiner

5. Aug 5

Sir;

The number of Standard Silver dollars required to be Coined by this Mint during the Current month is 1.800.000

Very respectfully

Saml R. Fox

Superintendent

Wm. J. Steel Esq:
Comr

August 5th

Sir

The report of Silver Bullion purchased from Jany. called for in your letter of yesterday will be made up and transmitted with the bill daily as required & correct returns of the Assistant Treasurer at this place for that month are not yet complete.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

(86—8.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

Philadelphia 8th Mo 24th 1885

Sir:

I draw this day check No [illegible] favor Cashier Bullion Branch U.S. Treasury for [illegible] Gold Bullion [illegible] Silver Bullion [illegible] Standard Silver Dollars [illegible] Fractional Silver [illegible] Minor Coin [illegible] Total [illegible] in payment for Silver Bullion

Respectfully

I am, very respectfully, Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

Dir. James P. Kimball

[illegible]

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

8 Bars 50 lbs 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Edward Dodge & Co. New York — per letter of advice, dated 7/28 1885

Fineness Weight, oz 50.586.40

Gross Weight, oz 50.405.85

Value @ 1.073 per oz fine $ 54.139.13

Superintendent.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

No. 52 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from J. B. Colgate & Co. New York per letter of advice, dated 7/28 1885

Bowers Weight,	oz.	21.395.65
Mint Weight,	oz.	20.581.39
Value @ $1.0725 per oz.		$ 22.094.12

Superintendent

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

8th Mo. 8th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from First Nat. Bank New York per letter of advice, dated 7/24 1885

Invoice Weight,	19912.64
Fine Weight,	19.876.06
Value @ 1.073	21.366.76

Paul N. Fox

Proposing depositor.

5. Aug.t 5

Sir,

Remittance of Gold Bullion No. 1, from your office has been received by Express as per letter of advice and memorandum enclosed of the 31. ult.o

Very respectfully

Superintendent

A. Silver Esq.
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Denver
Colo.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

8 1/2 Mo. 5th 1865

Settlement of Sale of Bullion purchased by the

Treasurer of the Mint from Bullion Coln Assay Co.

Co. Assay Coln from Letter of advice

dated 4/27 & 5

all delivered since 7/10.

Fineness Weight	Oz.	206.202.
Gross Weight	Oz.	205.964.35
Value @ $1.07225	per Oz. fine $	220.832.41

Superintendent.

Aug 5th 1865

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith Abstract & Pay Rolls for Wages of the Month of June 1865, amounting to [illegible] payable from the appropriation "balance for wages for the Fiscal Year ended June 30th 1865. deficiency in the U.S. Treasury"

These were legitimate expenses incurred during the annual settlement, in closing my account as Supt of the Mint, and could not be taken up with the Pay Rolls for June altho' I would respectfully suggest that a draft be made out & forwarded to this Mint for dating to the Banks issued Same on Expenses

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington DC

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Lovering
Coiner

5: Aug^st 5

Sir

Will you be kind enough to report to me any information you may have concerning the Construction and purchase of what is known as the Ajax Coining Press now in the Coining Room; who made it; who furnished it; whether in your estimation the price paid for it-$12500— was reasonable or excessive; whether any other press was previously in its place; whether that press — if there was one - was in good condition and was competent to do the work of the present Ajax press, and if so, what was the necessity of substituting this one for it; and,

- if you know - what disposition was made of the one which was removed.

I am further led to believe that the Foreman Ajax Coining Press was not completed & perfected at the time I entered upon my duty - July 1st ult - and desire to know, if you are aware of the fact, if this is so.

In addition to this I desire all further information you can give me on the subject of these two presses not especially asked for above

Very respectfully

Wm. M. Fox

Superintendent

Mr Samuel James
Foreman of the Machine shop
U.S. Mint

5. Aug 5

Sir;

Will you be kind enough to report to me any information you may have concerning the Construction and purchase of what is known as the Ajax Coining Press lately erected in your department; who made it; whether it took the place of a press that was there before; whether that press was fit or unfit to perform the work required by you, and if not, wherein it was deficient, — in other words — the reason of its being ordered; and what disposition was made of the press which was removed.

I am further led to believe that

the present Ajax press was not complet-
ed or perfected at the time I entered upon
my duty - Sept 1st ult - and desire to
know if this is so.

You will in addition to the above
furnish me with copies of all correspond-
ence which may have passed between
your Department and the General Depart-
ment concerning the presses above mentioned,
and afford me all further information
you may have on this subject not spe-
cially asked for;

Very respectfully

Your obt Svt

Superintendent

William J. Steel Esq
Comr

5. Ney! 5

Sir;

I have forwarded to you by to day's mail a list — of the official blanks furnished — of the officers and employés of this Mint, for the Biennial Register as of 1st ultimo —

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Robert M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

6: Aug — 5

Sir;

I am instructed to make inquiry upon the following topics:-
As to the necessity for the purchase of the present Ajax Forging Press;
Whether the price - £12.500 - paid for it is reasonable or excessive;
As to the necessity for the purchase of Certain castings, annealing plates, grate-bars, draw-bench chains, repairs to machinery, labor, &c ordered or furnished by the Ajax and Hess Machine Co, Limited, for the months of June and July last; and, the fairness of the charges made for the same

Be good enough to furnish me the information desired, Consecutively

as to the items specified above, at the earliest possible moment

Very respectfully

John [illegible]

Superintendent

Mr John L. Megginis

Engineer

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

8 Mo 6th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the

Clark, Dodge

& Co. New York

7/28 1885

Fineness Weight	@	25.067. 50
Fine Weight	@	25.029. 37
Value Coin 1.07733	per Oz. fine	$ 26.956. 50

Superintendent

August 6th 5

Sir

Referring to your letters of July 29th ult. and August 3rd and 5th respectively, I beg to return herewith forms 198 and 232 respectively, for Month of June 1885, showing the amount of Silver bullion purchased, Coined, and the balance on hand &c.

I have reduced the amount therein first stated as Wastage, by separating on face of statement 198, the amount of the three bars which could not be accounted for by the Melter and Refiner, and have charged [redacted] in a suspense account and will there hold them subject to future instructions.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon Jas P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington DC

(80-6)

Mint of the United St | Philadelphia,

8th Mo. 6th, 1885.

Sir

I draw this day check

No 4882 favor Chas. Dodge & Co for $48.449.90

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Dollars

I am very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

(ED.-25-38. 100)

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Superintendent

Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

6. Aug 5

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of packages of:-

Mems. of Gold Bullion deposited, 42 a

Requisitions for Fine Silver Bars 263 a

Assistant Clerks Receipts for Silver deposits 143 a

Assayers Mems. of Gold Deposits

Minted Bullion deliveries 262

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

6. Aug 5

Sir

I have the honor to transmit, State-
ment showing Bullion operated upon,
with attendant expenses during June 83rd

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

6. Augt. 5

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No. 1242 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office St. Louis to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

6: Aug 5

Sir;

Herewith I enclose mem. No. 1242 – in duplicate – of Gold & Bullion being remittance No. 27, received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of 31st July

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Eliot C. Jewett Esq
Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay office
St. Louis
Mo.

Aug 6th 1885

1,209,925.72

Sept 8th
Sept 7th

Jas P. Kimmel

Supervising

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

July 7th, 1885.

Sir,

I have this day check—

No. 4883, favor Hendy & Comins, for $27.575.54

" 4884, " South Hat River Mg Co, " $4.832.78

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

New York.

Ed. 7-28-85. 4000

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

8th Mo. 7th 1885

Deposit of Silver Bullion purchased by this Mint of the Mint from Fourth National Bank, New York per letter of advice 7/29 1885

Coarse Weight	oz.	20.850. 91
Fine Weight	oz.	20.828. 95
Value @ $1.07 3/4	per oz. fine, $	22.349. 46

Edw'd Of Ford

Superintendent.

Phila Aug 6

Sir;

Appreciating the views expressed in your letter of the 2d inst., with regard to the semi-monthly payment of Government employés, I beg to say that I do not know of any good reason why the advantages of the arrangement should not be extended to all ordinary laborers, adjusters, packers, and clerks in this institution, including the persons on duty in the Cabinet-ales; and I acquiesce in your proposed division of the system to this Mint, namely:

Very respectfully
Your obedt servt
Superintendent

Hon. James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC.

7. Aug 5

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Section 3684 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coining Executive enclosed I have appointed Mrs. Elizabeth Perkenpine and Miss Martha Dalyon Gray Temporary Adjutantesses in this Mint at $1 7½ per diem to take effect on Confirmation

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

7: Aug 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Bullion operations in the Melting & Refiners Department during June & July Silver Melting during July

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Aug. 5

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that Miss Kate B. Thompson an Assistant in this Mint having resigned, her name will be dropped from the Rolls after the 6th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

J. Augt 5

Sir;

On looking over your letter of the 6th inst., approving the awards of supplies for this Mint for the current fiscal year, I notice what is probably an inadvertence in your award for oak and pine wood to John J. White & Son, at $8 ~~7~~ and $7 62 per cord, respectively. The award was made by the Lake Superintendent to J. S. Lowry & Son, at $6 95 and $6 45 as the lowest responsible bidders, and they have been supplying ~~the Mint~~ at that price up to this time, and I am assured by the Coiner that their wood gives entire satisfaction.

J

This being the case they took of the Contract should not go to Lowry & Son.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
W. L. Ft. Fox
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

10 Aug't 65

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose vouchers Nos. 1243 & 1256, being for remittances received from the U.S. Assay Office Charlotte and U.S. Mint, Denver, respectively to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

I am respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

10: Augt 5

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo. No 1243 in duplicate of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 21 received from your office, as per letter of advice and memo: of the 31. July ultto.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Calvin J Cowles Esq
Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

10 Aug 5

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo. Memo. No 1256 — in duplicate — of Gold Bullion being remittance No. 1, received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of 31. July ultº:

Very respectfully

Superintendent

H. Silver Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Mint
Denver
Colo

August 10th

Sir

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for $5000. in addition to the $20.000 already called for, to pay the wages of Workmen and Adjusters of this Mint for the current month.

Kindly make this requisition Special so that both drafts may reach me by the end of this month.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

10 Aug 5

Sir;

Remittance No. 22 of Gold Bullion has been received by Express, as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 7th. inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

18th Mo. 10th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint from Clark, Dodge & Co

New York

for the Letter of Advice,

7/31 1885

Gross Weight,	oz.	60.570. 70
Fine Weight,	oz.	60.476. 01
@ Value	$1.0325	per oz. fine $ 62.435. 52

Superintendent.

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

8th Mo 10th 1886.

Sir

I draw this day check

4885 favor Clark, Dodge & Co. for $26487.82

4886 " Handy & Lemaire " $20.000.—

4887 " Fourth Nat. Bk. NY " $22.273.85

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 3-15. 1000]

11 Aug 5

Sir

In Conformity with the provisions of Section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that in the Communications of the Matter and Refer herein enclosed I have appointed George Provand a Welter, in place of William Chapman, discharged, at a Compensation of $3.25 per diem; also Eugene Harrington, Furnace Tender, in place of Edgar W. Brooks to be removed, at a Compensation of $3 per diem; both to take effect on Confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval.

Very respectfully your obdt servant

Asst Supt

Superintendent

To Stretton Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11. Aug 5

Sir

In Conformity with the provisions of section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Commissioners enclosed I have made the following appointments of Coopers in this Department at a compensation of $2 per diem each, to take effect on Confirmation:-

Steven A. Sherlin vice Henry Maloney
Charles E. Knight " J. M. Ackley
George W. Palmer " George McFarland
William Penfield " James Hemsworth

Also the following appointments of Coopers:

at $2 90 per diem:
Fred. J. Koons vice Robert H. Gilliam,
Geo. Wolfarth " C. Hoskins,
James Wagner " Wm. Myers, (and)
William Williamson " Miles Johnson;
also the appointment of Henry Wesley
as Cleaner at $3 00 per diem, vice F.
Schmidt, to be removed; (and of
John Barnes, Annealer, at $3 00 per diem
vice Geo. Dunn, discharged.
All of which is respectfully sub-
mitted for your approval &c
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Mint Wood
Superintendent

Horatio C. Burchard Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

11: Aug 5

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that under section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have appointed Edward R. Helmbold, Chief Carpenter, in the General Department of the Mint — vice James B. Cowden to be removed — at a compensation of $5.00 per diem, to date from Confirmation; and respectfully submit the same for approval,

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11. Aug 5

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that under section 3507 Revised Statutes I have appointed William Lowe a resident of this State, Conductor in the Coining Department of this Mint vice James L. Thorpe, to be removed — at a compensation of $3.00 per diem to date from Confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Superintendent

11. August 5

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that under Section 3504 Revised Statutes I have appointed Lewis Brown a resident of this State, Messenger in the General Department of this Mint — vice George Harmstad to be removed — at a Compensation of 1.4.00 per diem; to date from Confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

R. Preston Esq
Actg Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

11 Aug 5

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that under section 3304 Revised Statutes I have appointed:
David Lagomarsino, Michael A Boyle
Emanuel Herron, Thomas Melloy &
Alexander F. X. Gallagher,
residents of this State, Laborers in the General Department of the Mint — vice John H. McEwen, Edward T. Thomas
Samuel Laird, & Jacob Parnell to be removed, and George W. Bell, removed — at a compensation of $2.75 per diem, to date from confirmation
and respectfully submit ——

the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

11: Augt 5

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that under Section 3504 Revised Statutes I have appointed:

Henry Steiner, Anthony Dever,
Henry C. Hamilton, Robert S. Monks,
Edward Leary,
residents of this State, Night Watchmen in the General Department of the Mint — vice Charles H. Blackman, F. N. Koby,
James C. Yearsley, James A. Briggs
Curtis Clayton, to be removed — at a
Compensation of $2.75 per diem, to date
from confirmation, and

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respectfully submit the same for
your approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11 Aug 5

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that under section 3507 Revised Statutes, I have appointed William Sweeny, a resident of this State, Clerk in the General Department of this Mint — vice Benjamin Burras to be removed — at a Compensation of $3 00 per diem, to date from Confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Robt. M. Patterson
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

11: Aug 5

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that under Section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have appointed Albert G. Forsythe, Carpenter, in the General Department of the Mint - vice Henry Barry to be removed - at a compensation of $3.00 per diem, to date from Confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Wm. L. Dubois
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 11th 5

Sir:

The enclosed draft for $3-70 accompanied by an order for Medals was received here this morning. As it is made payable to your order personally, will you please endorse and return it to this office and oblige

Yours Very respectfully,

P. M. Cox

Superintendent

Col N. London Snowden
Bar Harbor
Mt Desert
Me

11: Aug. 5

Sir;

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans by the Adams Express Co. the following dies, in full of your requisition of the 4th inst, viz:-

Half Eagle Obverse No 24 & 25
" " Reverse " 24 " 25

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Asahel Nutter
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11: Augt. 5

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of package of Assayers Reports on Silver Bullion

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Saml Whitt
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Sept. 11th, 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 4888, favor Henry Hunter, for $ 7,036.79

" 4889, " Zimmerman & Tilley, " $ 3,015.32

" 4890, " Third Nat. Bank, " $ 12,042.52

" 4891, " Clark, Dodge & Co., " $ 60,045.92

" ——, " ——, " $ ——

" ——, " ——, " $ ——

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 3-28-85. 1000]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

8th Mch 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint, from Clark, Dodge & Co per letter of advice,

dated 8th 1885

Troy Ounces Weight	oz.	49494.60
Fine Weight	oz.	49129.91
@ Value @ 1.0742	per oz. fine, $	53.097 61

E. Du Bois Fox

Superintendent.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

8th Mo. 11th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Chas. G. Dodge & Co per letter of advance, dated 8/4 1885

Fineness Weight,	ozs.	24.806. 10
Mint Weight,	ozs.	24.772 00
Value $1.0745 per oz. fine,	$	26.618. 92

Assistant Treasurer

Superintendent

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Phila. 12th, 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No 4872 favor Handy & Cornell, for $ 4775.61

" 4873 " Fourth Nat. Bank, agt. " $ 7784.42

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Dollars.

I am, very respectfully,

Wm. Maris

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[En. 7-28-84. 1000]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

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New York

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159.216 50

Superintendent